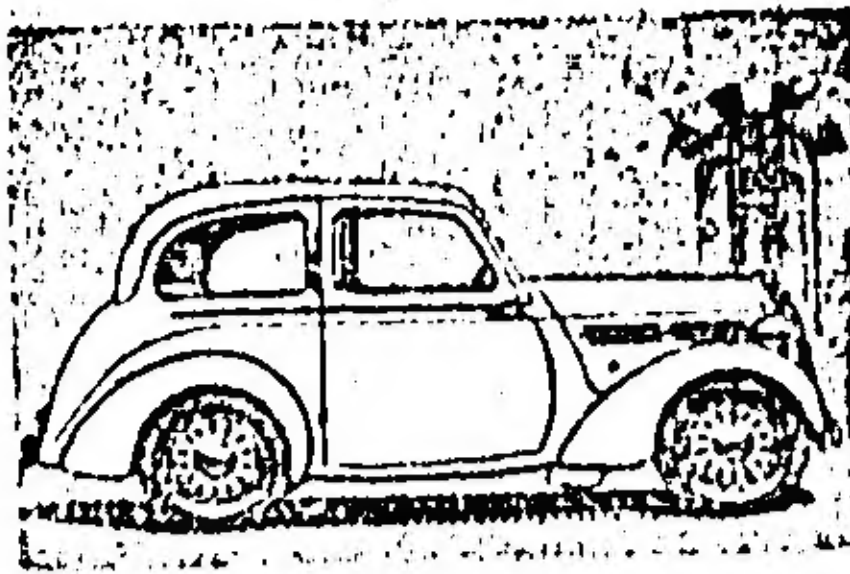


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TAIPANS IN SHANGHAI DEMAND QUICK ACTION AGAINST JAPAN

STALEMATE IN WAR

Army Officers May Be Recalled For Lack of Progress

U.S. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.
ACTION WITHOUT PRECEDENT in the annals of United States medical history was taken by a Federal Grand Jury today.
It has indicted the American Medical Association, three medical societies and 21 individual physicians, charging them with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.
The jury specifically charged the Association and others with preventing physicians and co-operative medical associations from supplying medical services, by refusing membership in medical societies to individual physicians who joined such groups.
The American Medical Association is on record as being vigorously opposed to Governmental attempts to socialize medicine.—Reuter.

SNOWSTORM HALTS WAR IN SPAIN

Europe's Winter Blast
Rapidly Spreads

BURGOS, Dec. 20.

GENERAL FRANCO'S headquarters reported to-day that all was quiet on the fronts. Violent snow storms with accompanying drifts had halted the thrust on the Catalonia front, where visibility was zero.

However, it was stated that the advance on all fronts would be resumed as soon as atmospheric conditions improved.

The Radio Nacional at Burgos to-day denounced mediation and truce rumours.

Loyalist circles announced to-day that a mine exploded in University City, destroying a network of insurgent machine-gun nests, and a system of trenches 100 metres long. The insurgent artillery retaliated by shelling Madrid, and a combat ensued for a short time.

Deserters again reported growing defeatism with the insurgent ranks.—United Press.

HOLLAND CRIPPLED

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.

The extremely cold spell which has settled over Europe has badly crippled transportation throughout Holland, which depends to a great extent on her waterways.

The Zuiderzee is frozen over, and communication with the islands of Texel and Ameland is maintained only by aeroplane, since the ice is not yet strong enough for traffic.

Canal and river shipping is also interrupted with the result that many towns which are dependent upon water transportation are practically isolated.—Trans-Ocean.

Prison For Fascist Who Incited Riots

Tunis, Dec. 20.

An Italian resident, who is the Fascist leader, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined 500 francs on charge of inciting to riot.—Reuter Bulletin.

LONDON, DEC. 20.
THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF BRITISH BUSINESS-MEN WHO CONFERRED WITH SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR AND VICE-ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE IN SHANGHAI LAST WEEK-END ARE REVEALED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES" ON THE BASIS OF A PRIVATE REPORT RECEIVED IN LONDON.

The Correspondent says that the committee unanimously agreed that a policy of *laissez faire*, passive resistance or co-operation with the Japanese would bring destruction to British interests as its only result.

They advocated retaliatory action. They themselves did not touch on denunciation of the trade agreement, but whatever the Government intended to do they declare must be done quickly.

Should the Japanese establish a puppet federal government, the businessmen felt their difficulties would only increase, for, according to their information, the Japanese would use such a government for eliminating foreign interests.

Finally they requested immediate and definite advice as to the British Government's plans.

The Correspondent says that Mr. Arita's statement yesterday is being carefully considered at Whitehall. On the face of it the statement seems bleak and uncompromising, but further details are awaited from Tokyo.—Reuter.

British, French Envoys Call on Japanese

TIENSIN, Dec. 20.

MR. J. B. AFFLECK, the British Consul-General here, and M. Lepissier, the French Consul here, called on Mr. Shigenori Tashiro, the Japanese Consul-General, at the latter's office here at noon to-day.

The British and French officials were understood to have posed queries regarding the strict precautions that have been enforced by the Japanese authorities on the borders between the foreign and the Japanese Concessions.

Explaining the steps taken by the Japanese, the Japanese Consul-General claimed that "anti-Japanese" elements had established their bases in the British and French Concessions, and alleged that the authorities of the British and the French Municipal Councils had so far failed to co-operate with the Japanese in suppressing subversive elements.

The Japanese official confirmed that the precautionary measures would be enforced with unabated vigour in pursuance of a "firm policy."

Assurances were given by the Japanese Consul-General, however, that conveyance of foodstuffs and other daily necessities to the British and French Concessions would not be prevented. The interview lasted about one hour.

In view of the policing measures enforced by the Japanese authorities against the people entering and leaving the British and French Concessions, the British, French, American and Italian consular authorities, since Monday, have been issuing identification cards to the foreign and Chinese residents in the affected districts.—Domel.

MILITARY NECESSITY

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Referring to the Japanese military restrictions at the entrance and exit of the foreign concessions in Tientsin, and Hankow, a Japanese spokesman stated that they were a military necessity to ensure that no arms or ammunition were smuggled into or out of the concessions.

He said that scores of cases of Shanghai grenades had been found in bamboo carrying-poles, while pistols had been hidden in cabbages and ammunition sewed in bedding.

RECORD BABY TOURIST LOOKS OVER HONGKONG

ELAINE WAALER, aged six months, of Copenhagen, is running up a record for sea travel.

When Elaine was a month old she and her mother were taken aboard the Danish freighter Hoegh Silverstar by her father, Skipper E. R. Waaler.

Elaine is shown above with her father. She has crossed the Atlantic four times, visited the United States and South America, and recently came to Hongkong and Manila.



General Elections May Follow Cabinet Schism

LONDON, Dec. 20.

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES of opinion within the British Cabinet will lead to an early election, according to the "Evening News" to-night, which states that such a step by Mr. Chamberlain would clarify the political atmosphere, and also strengthen the position of the Prime Minister and his main collaborators.

The growing Cabinet crisis was the main topic of discussion to-day in political and press circles.

An increasing amount of criticism is being directed at the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the "Evening News" writing: "The prevailing impression is that Hore-Belisha will go. The accusation levelled against him is that while he makes confident speeches and has kept himself in the public eye, nothing has been done in his Ministry."

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. W. S. Morrison, was attacked at Ipswich this afternoon by the National Farmers' Union, which passed a resolution expressing disapproval over "Mr. Morrison's attempts to occupy himself with agricultural problems."—Trans-Ocean.

London, Dec. 20.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the temporary relaxations made on restrictions of foreign lending had been withdrawn.—Reuter.

Kaiser's Grandson Marries Commoner

Berlin, Dec. 20.

Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Prussia, grandson of the ex-Kaiser, married a commoner, Fraulien Regard Weygand in the Dresden registry office to-day.

The groom is the only son of the fourth son of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, who has been an active National Socialist since post-war years, and enjoys great popularity among the German people.

His mother is Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Gluecksburg, who, after a divorce and re-marriage to Prince August Wilhelm, is now again divorced from him.

Prince Alexander Ferdinand was born in 1912, and is now a lieutenant in the German air force.—Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.

QUARTERS CLOSE to Chinese military leaders foresee the possibility of Japanese army and navy officers in Central China being recalled owing to lack of progress made during the last six weeks.

Those mentioned are Lieut-General Hata and Vice-Admiral Oikawa.

It was stated that the changed international situation as a result of the American and British leans to China may force Japan to change her military strategy in China.—United Press

GENERALS CONFER

PEIPING, Dec. 20.

CHINESE POLITICAL circles aver that General Kihara and General Doihara are now co-operating in a political programme which will make its bow following a conference of the united council on December 24, when "it is hoped that the Chukuchui," or National Salvation and Peace Society, will be inaugurated.

According to some circles, the Japanese military chiefs are contemplating trying to induce Wu Peifu to accept the presidency of the Society, but they have not yet started to negotiate with him.

Following a meeting of the United Council, a representative of the council said that the Society would be inaugurated probably about the close of the year with the aim of planning a new Governmental form in accordance with Japanese decisions.

Reputedly reliable Japanese sources state that a peace movement is being pushed at the instigation of a large group of Japanese, who are anxious to know when the war will be ended, and also what the Government is doing to achieve this end.

According to this Japanese source, the group, which mainly comprises big business men, threatened non-payment of the new taxes should the Government not push peace plans.

It is said that the Japanese military authorities are doing their utmost to dissolve the group, but non-military Government circles fear that both repression and over-indulgence is likely to lead to difficulties.

Meanwhile, peace propaganda, with an anti-foreign trend, is continuing in the Chinese press. For instance, one review of the year's work of the Hsin Min Hui, lauds Sino-Japanese friendship, concluding with the observation that Oriental culture is now proud of the reconstruction of Oriental culture and the new order after 100 years of pressure from the Westerners.—United Press.

RAILWAY DISRUPTED

Peiping, Dec. 20.

Reliable sources report a new disruption of railway traffic on the Peiping-Mukden line due to heavy troop movements.

The report states that during the last few days, five Japanese divisions have moved from North to Manchukuo, reportedly due to general nervousness over the Russo-Japanese situation.

These forces were drawn from Shanghai, south Hopen and Shan, and consequently the projected Japanese drives north-westward to cut the Russian supply route to China is not materialising.—Reuter.

STALEMATE CONTINUES

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

With the stalemate continuing on all the fronts, the Japanese forces have carried out further cleaning-up (Continued on Page 4.)

DEATH OF LADY NORTHCOTE'S MOTHER

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that the "Telegraph" has to announce the death of Mrs. J. W. Adams, mother of Lady Northcote, who passed away in London on Monday after a long illness.

Mrs. Adams, who was 88 years of age, was the wife of the late Rev. J. W. Adams, v.c., sometime a Chaplain General to His Majesty's Forces and Chaplain to His Majesty King Edward VII.

It will be recalled that Lady Northcote left Hongkong on January 30 this year by Imperial Airways plane to visit her mother, whose illness then became serious.

Lady Northcote arrived in England in mid-January and remained away from Hongkong for four months, by which time her mother has shown remarkable signs of recovery.

Several engagements entered into by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote for the balance of this week have been cancelled in view of Lady Northcote's bereavement.

Lady Northcote will not be present at the wedding this afternoon of Miss P. A. Dodwell and Mr. O. E. C. Marton. His Excellency the Governor will attend the wedding ceremony, but will not be present at the subsequent reception.

Lady Northcote will not be present at the performance of the pantomime "Cinderella" at the European Y.M.C.A. to-morrow night, and both His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will not be present at the St. Andrew's Society Ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday night.

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£9,000,000 CLAIM: THREE ARRESTS

"FALSE BIBLE ENTRIES"

EAST-end tailor Joseph Schaffer, who claims to be the heir to the £9,000,000 estate of an American snuff king's widow, was undismayed recently when told that New York police had taken out warrants against nine members of a family named Schaffer and had arrested three.

"They are not related to me," he said. "I am sailing for New York shortly, with my solicitor, to press my claim."

The fortune was left by Mrs. Henrietta Garrett, who died in 1936, leaving no will. Since then there have been 23,000 claimants to the money.

The Schaffer family, who live in Philadelphia, claim the money on the strength of an entry, the name Garrett, in their family Bible.

The police have charged the Schaffers with plotting to deprive the Commonwealth of the estate, naming a Grace Schaffer, a ringleader in a scheme to make false entries in the family Bible and so linking the Schaffers spuriously with Mrs. Garrett.

A WARAN

A warrant has been issued for Dr. Donald McCuskey, of New York. "The name of Joseph Schaffer, at London, means nothing to us," said the New York police.

In his little home in Reighton-road, Clapton, E., Mr. Joseph Schaffer, a Pole, an ex-Royal Fusilier, said:

"I have documents to prove that Henrietta Garrett was my father's cousin."

"Mr. Blauner, my lawyer in New York, has been working on my claim for some time and I now want me to go to America for the final stages."

THOUSANDS WAIT

Mr. Schaffer was to have sailed to America some time ago but cancelled his passage at the last minute because of a cold.

Talking to his lawyer by Transatlantic telephone he learned that thousands had waited on the docks for a glimpse of him when the Normandie berthed.

With his solicitor, Mr. M. Shanson, of St. Paul's-churchyard, E.C., he left England on the Normandie for New York.

£1,000,000 Merger Of Five Firms

Five tinplate companies in the Llanelly district of South Wales, with a combined capital of about £1,000,000, propose amalgamating with the object of fighting the competition which is regarded as inevitable from Richard Thomas and Co.'s strip mill at Ebbw Vale.

The companies, which own 42 mills and normally employ about 2,500 people, are the Old Castle Iron and Tinplate Co., Llanelly; Western Tinplate Co., Llanelly; Kidwelly Tinplate Co., Ltd.; Telford Tinplate Co., Ltd.; Pontardulais; and Ashburnham Tinplate Co., Burry Port.

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 When It's Thursday Night. F.T.
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 I Get A Kick out of You. F.T. HARRY ROY'S ORCH.
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Italian colonization plans envisage moving to Libya, North African territory, several hundred thousand more Italians above the 60,000 already there. About 1,000 families already have been selected and here are some of them embarking at Genoa for their new homes. Homes will be in agricultural communities with modern houses and equipment.

ENGLISH GIRL DANCER JAILED IN ITALY

"I Had a Strube Cartoon Of Mussolini"

A BEAUTIFUL young English dancer, Miss Irene Bardon, recently told in London of how she was imprisoned in Rome for a fortnight "for political offences," then ordered out of Italy as "a Jewess and a Communist"—because she would not agree to go to the apartment of an Italian officer after dining with him.

Miss Bardon went to Rome with the Ballet D'Orville, an English company, to play in the Quirina Theatre. She is a Jewess, her parents live in Gloucester-road, Regent's Park, N.W. She said:

"After the show on October 22, I was introduced to a young Italian officer who had been wounded while fighting in Spain. I dined with him. "When I refused to go on to his apartment, he threatened to take me to the police and get me into trouble for things I had said about Mussolini and Italy. "He dragged me into a cab, took me to a small local police station, and told them I was a Communist. They sent us on, with policemen, to the Central Police Station near the Pantheon."

I WAS TERRIFIED, RAN

"I was terrified, and tried to run away. During the struggle some of my clothes were torn off, and my wrist watch was smashed. "After staying in the police station for seven hours I was questioned by a man in the Italian secret police who spoke perfect English. "They accused me of being a Communist and of standing up in Tito's, where we had dined, and shouting 'Up with Stalin and down with Mussolini.' They said I had insulted Mussolini, and asked me why I was carrying a caricature of Mussolini in my handbag."

"I had a Strube cartoon called 'The Girl in the Fascist Blue Gown' which I had cut out of a Daily Express I bought in Rome. I had cut it out simply because it amused me. "The young officer told them I had said the reason why Italians fought

Police Shame-Faced

in Spain was they were frightened to say no, and were bullied into it. "A statement was taken down in Italian, and at first I refused to sign it. I was tired and frightened. They told me everything would be all right, then I signed. "They took me in a taxi to what they said was a convent, but it was a woman's prison. My finger-prints were taken and they stuck a loaf of bread in my arms and put me in a cell. The only furniture was three straw mattresses. "I was kept there until the night of November 5, living on bread and water and soup. Even the governor of the place didn't know why I was there. He asked me—but I didn't know either. "I had about an hour's exercise every day, and spent the rest of the time in my cell."

TOLD TO GET OUT

"Then, on the night of November 5, my cell door was opened. I was told to dress, was taken back to the central police station, and told to get out of the country within ten days and never to come back. "Her absence from the show, two days after Miss Bardon had been taken to the police, led the director of her company to inquire about her. The police told him she had been detained "for political offences." He and the British Consul tried to get in touch with her while she was in prison, but were unable to do so. "Said Miss Bardon: "I am not a Communist. I do not know who Stalin is, except he is somebody in Russia."

POLICE CHIEF LIVED ABOVE HIS INCOME

Entitled to retire last July on a pension of £250 a year, a former police superintendent was at Stafford Assizes recently sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

The man, Harold Percy Hughes, pleaded guilty to three charges of fraudulently converting to his own use money received by him for the Staffordshire Police Sports Fund.

Sentencing Hughes, Mr. Justice Wrottesley said: "You have lost your character, your pay and your pension, and you are now going to lose your liberty."

Mr. A. J. Long, prosecuting, said that as an inspector before his promotion to superintendent, Hughes was then treasurer of the sports fund.

On promotion, he relinquished that office and his successor was unable to balance the accounts. The truth was that Hughes had put into his own pocket cash payments amounting to £240.

Mr. R. McGregor Clarkson (defending) said Hughes had told him that his lapse was not due to gambling, drink or women, but that he and his wife had lived on a scale which his pay did not justify. "A life of comparative ease in a few years' time has gone because of a foolish desire to appear better off than he was," said counsel.

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"World's first four-footed parachute jumper" is Aza, shepherd-dog mascot of the Aviation Club at Rostov-on-the-Don, Russia. As a pup Aza was dropped from fourth-storey windows. Recently, in obedience to her trainer's command, she jumped from an aeroplane at 1,800ft. She landed safely and waited for someone to come and unstrap her parachute.

Girl Accuses Father She Never Knew

SEVENTEEN - YEAR - OLD Gloria Roff, kidnapped from a school dance in Tennek, New Jersey, by a man who telephoned a demand for £100 ransom to her adopted parents, recently identified her assailant from forty-five suspects.

Each of the men was forced to drive a car so that Gloria could study the back of his head from the rear seat.

"That's the man!" she said suddenly, and the police arrested a jobless dishwasher.

"What's your name?" they asked. "Fred Roff," he said.

It was the first time Gloria had seen her father since she was four years old, when she was adopted by her uncle, George O'Connor. Roff denied he had kidnapped his daughter, but the schoolgirl, crying because she had found, in such circumstances, the father she had not known existed insisted he was her abductor.

Although she had not seen his face, she recognised him, she said, by his voice, and, above all, by the back of his head. She said she was leaving the school building when a woman seized and dragged her into a parked car before she had time to scream.

ARTIST DIES AT BILLIARDS

Mr. James B. Anderson, a member of the Royal Scottish Academy, one of Scotland's best-known portrait painters, died suddenly recently in the Glasgow Art Club.

He was playing billiards when he complained of feeling ill. Mr. Anderson, who was 52 years of age, was admitted to membership of the Royal Scottish Academy early last year.

It is only three months since his son Charles lost his life while yachting on the Firth of Clyde. The yacht in which he was sailing with a companion was hit by a squall and overturned.

Poor Eyesight? Another Hit
 Kenton, O.
 People have warned James Haggins, 83, to give up hunting because of failing eyesight, but he went hunting anyway. He fired 25 shotgun shells and returned with 17 mudhens.



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These hints were given by fashion school teachers, when the hearing was resumed at Westminster County Court recently of a student's claim for the return of £50 fees paid to the Reville School of Fashion, Ltd., St. George's House, Hanover-square, W.

At the previous hearing, the student, Miss Cecile Pretorius, of Queen's-way, Dayswater, W., said she went to the school for instruction in colour—the suitability of colours for various types of women—and fabrics. She alleged that she was taught only fashion drawing and dressmaking.

The school denied that Miss Pretorius asked for special instruction in colour and fabrics.

Mr. Ernest Leonard Hollis, director and general manager of the school, questioned by Mr. Norman Wiggins, for the school, said such instruction was separable from instruction in fashion drawing and dressmaking. "If students want instruction in these subjects only in detail, it would mean a four-years course at a university," he added.

Answering Mr. G. G. Baker (for Miss Pretorius), Mr. Hollis said there were five women instructors for about 45 students, each one of whom was given individual teaching.

Miss Bertha Beatrice Barbara Broome, chief instructor in fashion drawing and designing, declared that students were taught the suitability of garments to various occasions and the suitability of colours.

Asked if the age and suitability of women to wear certain colours were dealt with, Miss Broome replied: "Yes, but, of course, you can't say a fat woman must not wear white. If she wants to she will."

PAINTING TAUGHT

Mr. Wiggins: Can you design a dress apart from its colour?—You can, but you must visualise the dress before you design it. You must have some idea of what colour you want. Cross-examined by Mr. Baker, Miss Broome said the school taught the girls to paint and draw.

The reference to the importance in the finishing of frocks was made by Mrs. Muriel Sturges, dressmaking instructor.

Judgment was awarded to the Reville School of Fashion, with costs. The judge said he was of the opinion that the woman gave up the classes because of her financial position.

"I hold," he added, "that Miss Pretorius has not shown she has not received tuition in colour and fabrics. I am satisfied that tuition was given in those subjects."

Miss Pretorius, he declared, had not, he was sure, said anything that she did not believe was true, but he had to accept the evidence for the school.

Fifty-Foot Fall Lucky

Joggins, N. S. Ernest Ryan fell down a 50-foot cliff here and was only slightly injured. He landed on a pile of sand, a few inches from a pile of jagged rocks.

NAZIBAGS WILL BE LIKE THIS

GERMAN trousers will bag at the knees during the next few years.

This was the verdict of Bradford woollen merchants when they heard that Dr. Schacht, Hitler's economic dictator, had cornered the South African wool market.

But the wool that Germany is buying from South Africa is only a fraction of the supply she needs. To spread it out German manufacturers mix it with synthetic fibres.

Twenty-four hours' rest is all that is needed for trousers to recover their "hang" when the cloth is of good quality. But that dodge is useless to the Germans.

However much they may rest their wool-and-art-silk pants, they cannot get rid of their baggy knees.

Saw Fiancee Leap To Death

After quarrelling with her sweetheart, 21-years-old Matilda Tannett, of Kensing House, Long-lane, Bermondsey, dashed from his side, throw herself under a lorry, and was killed.

At the inquest at Southwark recently the jury returned a verdict of Suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed, and added: "We think the conduct of the young man is such as to be reprobated by every right-minded person."

P. C. William Smith said that at about 11 p.m. on November 9 he heard a young man and woman quarrelling in Long-lane. The man was using obscene language.

Charles George Richardson, aged 26, of Summer-street, Southwark, said that he had known Miss Tannett for 13 weeks and had seen her every day.

The Coroner (Mr. Douglas Cowburn): What were you quarrelling about?—About going home. She did not want to go home.

I put it to you that you were having a very violent quarrel before this happened?—It wasn't a violent quarrel; it was just about going home. Mr. Cowburn: People do not commit suicide just because they do not want to go home.



International military bands line up at the opening of the National Horse Show, Madison Square Garden, New York, as Major General John K. Herr, chief of cavalry, foreground, receives the salute. Left to right the bands are: Chile, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, Ireland and United States Army. Society turned out en masse at the show.

EX-SAILOR TOOK ROPE'S END TO SEEK DAUGHTERS

CHASTISEMENT with a rope's end is not too severe a corrective for wayward children, in the view of an ex-Navy man whose two daughters, aged 16 and 15, appeared at Caxton Hall juvenile court recently as needing protection.

When the man admitted that he had carried a rope's end as he searched the streets for the girls, the Hon. Lily Montagu suggested that chastisement was not the way to bring out the best in a child.

He replied: "The whole blame for juvenile crime is the law. The law encourages it for the simple reason that the children know the law gives them every protection."

"If only parents were allowed to chastise their children in the old-fashioned manner, you would not have so many remand homes, I am positive."

HEADSTRONG

The father said that his younger daughter was headstrong, high-spirited and out for adventure. Three or four times she had left home, on one occasion for over two weeks. One night he found her in a Soho night club.

"Both my girls are in the same circumstances," he added. "A few months ago they got into bad company. They thought they could stay out until midnight. I would not put up with it. Many a time I have gone round the streets with a rope's end."

The Clerk: Have you struck the 15-year-old girl with a rope's end?

ONE OR TWO STRIPES

The father: I have given her one or two stripes. I took that attitude

HAPPY ENDING

Radiant with happiness, Britala's "unluckiest couple," Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Thacker, began their honeymoon in a cottage home provided by friends and villagers at Shipdam, Norfolk, recently.

A week before 23-year-old Sidney Thacker and pretty Eva Green (19) cycled together to Dereham to buy furniture for their new home. When they arrived Sidney found his wallet, with his savings of £55 10s., was missing.

After a vain search along the road until after dark Sidney, because he could not keep his promise to give Eva "a home to be proud of," was going to call the wedding off until he had saved up again from his 42s-a-week wages as a head cowman.

But the villagers of his own village, East Bradenham, would not let him. They brought out their spare furniture or subscribed money towards the new home.

Later Eva, in white satin, with three bridesmaids, was married in Cranworth Church to Sidney. "We did not know we had so many friends," they said.

Mine Whistle Saves Time

Kalgoorlie, Australia. The Chamber of Commerce is saving thousands of dollars annually to mining companies by installation of a \$2,000 steam whistle capable of signalling the time throughout the entire Boulder mining region. Because the town clock was affected by weather vagaries, thousands of miners frequently missed their shifts, entailing heavy decreases in the output of the mines.

Duck Affair Costly

Seattle, Wash. Vernon Poirier, 23-year-old sailor, found it impossible to duck a duck fine for shooting a duck out of season. The duck was only a two-pound affair and the fine was at the rate of \$50 a pound. Worse yet, he did not even get the duck.



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ARMY OFFICERS MAY BE RECALLED: FOR LACK OF PROGRESS

(Continued from Page 1.)

operations behind the lines, these including operations in the north-east corner of Shantung, which is nominally completely occupied by the Japanese.

The Shantung operations also included an area south-west of Chefoo, where large-scale operations against the Chinese guerrillas have been necessary.

Questioned regarding a statement made by the Japanese Consul-General in Canton to a British correspondent about six weeks ago that the Pearl River would be opened to foreign shipping within six weeks, a Japanese spokesman here was unable to make any comment. He made the same answer when asked about the statement credited to the Japanese Consul-General in Canton that the Pearl River could be re-opened immediately, but this was not done in order not to prejudice negotiations regarding shipping on the Yangtze-Trans-Ocean.

Language Reform Urged

Melbourne.

A reform of the English language which would avoid the tiresome repetition of phrases like "he or she," "him or her" and "his or her," especially in legal documents, is proposed by Gregory Hynes, an Australian lawyer.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C., The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 40, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Duke Breaks Collar Bone

THE Duke of Gloucester broke a collar-bone when he had a bad fall while out with the Belvoir Hounds at Plungar, Leicestershire. His horse fell after taking a jump, and rolled on to him.

Although the fracture is a simple one, and no complications are expected, the Duke was unable to leave for Norway, where he was to have represented the King at Queen Maud's funeral. The Duke of Kent took his place.

After his fall the Duke of Gloucester was taken to Warwick Lodge, Melton Mowbray, where he is staying with the Duchess. Later he underwent an X-ray examination, which showed that his collar-bone was broken. He may have to rest for two or three weeks. This is the second time that he has suffered such an injury when riding. The ground was treacherous, and a number of other falls occurred during the run.

The Duke has had eleven previous falls, several of them in the hunting-field. In 1921, with the South Berks, his horse fell and rolled over him, and his head was cut. When mounting a restive animal at Weedon Barracks (Northants) in 1923 he fell and suffered slight concussion. Later the same year he broke an ankle while mounting a horse at Aldershot, and an operation was necessary. Hunting with the Queen in 1929 he had a heavy fall, and received injuries to the shoulder and leg. A year later he broke a collar-bone when his pony fell during a polo game at Vancouver, British Columbia.

LETTERS

"Looking into The Future"

To the Editor,
"Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—A more concrete form of prophesy of the future of the Orient was made by Raphael in his Astrological predictions (see Raphael's Almanac of 1939).

He said that the Sino-Japanese conflict is not thought likely to terminate until at least half of 1939 and the defeat of Japan appears to be almost inevitable, that Russia will be involved in the conflict, the victory is being fought, Chinese and defeat followed by revolution later in the year being the lot of Japan.

In comparing the above forecast with the ancient Chinese prophesy as published in your paper, both predict the Chinese will succeed in their struggle for National Independence, making of China a World force for Peace.

The Astrological patterns of 1939 shows the closing stages of the Japanese-called "China Incident." As the War began in September, 1931, when Jupiter conjuncts Neptune in Virgo, its end will be after April, 1939 when both meet again in opposition.

The Moon's several occultations of Uranus in 1939, as same that of Jupiter during the last War, denotes Teutonic expansion. When Uranus makes its transit the Rome/Berlin meridian in July 1939, we will see a new Nazis venture in Eastern Europe.

As the Democracy front is stronger than that of August 1938, the Dictator will not succeed, but their collapse is not far.

H. T. Luk.

"Oi"

Sir,—Regarding your photograph yesterday. What is the meaning of the word "Oi" used in the Lambeth Walk dance?

A. T. P.

"The First Shot"

Sir,—I was interested in both the article and subsequent letter by your Correspondent "Proud of the Regiment" on the first shot fired in the Great War.

"Proud of the Regiment," however, errs in claiming that the first Britisher to fire a shot in the war was a gunlayer aboard H.M.S. Amplexion. This shot, which sank the German mine-layer Konigin Louise was, on your correspondent's own admission, fired on August 5, 1914.

On August 4, about an hour after war was declared between Germany and Great Britain, a shot was fired from the forts at Sydney heads in Australia to prevent a German steamer from escaping to sea. The ship was hit and became the first active prize of war.

I cannot recall the entire incident: perhaps an Australian reader can give us the story.

EX-MARINER.

Appeal in Aid of Street Sleepers' Shelters

Sir,—At this festive season, when most people can afford to make merry, I desire once more to appeal to the charitable members of the community to help the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society.

By the kindness of the Government our Society is enabled once again to use rent-free, as shelters, the old Kowloon Magistracy, the St. Peter's shelter in Des Voeux Road, West, and the upper floor of the former printing shop in Victoria Gaol.

What the unfortunate refugees from China deserve our deepest sympathy, we must not neglect the work of giving a shelter during the cold winter nights to our own Hongkong destitute who have no home but the streets.

Our Society has no flag-day and relies entirely upon the generosity of sympathisers. Donations may be sent either to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. G. Gove, of Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hongkong Bank Building, or to the South China Morning Post, 3, Wyndham Street, who are again kindly receiving donations on our behalf.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Chairman, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society.

Social Items

The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship's Christmas Party will be held to-morrow in St. Andrew's Church Hall, commencing at 2.30 p.m. A good programme has been arranged, including games, ten and an entertainment, and it is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Paul Au, Missionary, and Miss Pak Yee-kwan, of 2 Chico Terrace, Hongkong; Mr. Joseph Nelson, Wilkinson, teacher, and Miss Teresa Lam, of 85 Taiipo Road, Kowloon; Mr. David Lau, treasurer of Messrs. Tatnam & Co., Ltd., and Miss Li Moon-ping, of 61 Chun Yuen Street, Hongkong; Mr. Chung Chi-man, silversmith, and Miss Chiu Mo-lim, of 2 Pence Avenue, Homantin; Mr. Lei Hon-ming, R.A. Chinese Depot, and Miss Yui Sui-lan, of 37 Mong Lung Street, Shaukeiwan; Mr. Cheng Kit, civil servant of the Chinese Central Government, and Miss Shiu Lai-ye, of 70 Lockhart Road, first floor, Hongkong.

An impromptu dance party, with light refreshments and the taking of a group photograph, to mark the 21st birthday of Miss Lily Rosario, was given at the Lily-Lee Dance Service studio last night.

NOTICE

For the convenience of Christmas Shoppers, business hours of the undermentioned Stores will be follows:—

DECEMBER 21st From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 22nd From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" 23rd From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
" 24th From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Cotton Bill May Become Law Soon

London, Dec. 20.
Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons to-day that he hoped it would be possible early in the New Year to complete the drafting of the Lancashire Cotton Enabling Bill, when these concerned would have an opportunity of expressing their considered views.

If the Government was then satisfied that a substantial majority of the industry was in favour of the decision, it was the Government's desire to pass the Bill into law this session.—Reuter.

Pope Celebrates An Anniversary

Vatican City, Dec. 20.
On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his priesthood, Pope Pius XI spent an hour to-day with his secretary reading hundreds of telegrams from all over the world extending to him congratulations and good wishes.

The Pope's private chapel, where earlier in the morning he had celebrated mass, was packed with flowers.

His Holiness granted seven private audiences, and appeared to be in a satisfactory condition.—United Press.

Europe Sees Its First Pandas

London, Dec. 20.
A remarkable collection of animals from the mountains of Central China, among which are the first giant pandas imported into Europe, are expected at the zoo on December 22. Major Floyd Smith, who took many months capturing them, is bringing them home with him from Hongkong by the steamer Antenor.

The bag includes five giant pandas, some bhurral sheep, a subnase monkey and a collection of rare pheasants.—Reuter.

Czechs Deported Man "Wanted" By Nazis

Prague, Dec. 20.
It is officially reported that the Czech Government has deported Peter Forster to Germany, charged with murdering a sentry at a concentration camp at Weimar from where he attempted to escape recently.

It is recalled that Forster fled to Prague, from where the Czech Government refused to deliver him to the German authorities.—United Press.

Pan-American Talks Proceed Slowly

Lima, Dec. 20.
The opinion is held here that the Pan-American Conference is proceeding slowly owing to introduction of foreign problems such as Spain into the scope of discussions.

Another factor is the sudden departure of the Argentine Foreign Minister, whose movements have given rise to rumours.—Reuter.

Japanese Abandon Monopoly Attempt

London, Dec. 20.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. J. Souton (Cons) asked whether it was now confirmed that the Japanese were attempting to create a monopoly trade of raw cotton in the area around Shanghai.

Mr. R. A. Butler replying, stated that it appeared that the attempt to establish a monopoly had now been abandoned.—Reuter.

EMPIRE NEWS

A "New Deal" For Aborigines

Melbourne.
The Minister for the Interior, Mr. McEwen, has promised a "new deal" for the few remaining Australian aborigines. They are estimated to total 17,000, most of them living in disturbed reserves.

Mr. McEwen said: "I think we must look for greater success in caring for the aborigines who have come into contact with white civilisation than we have been able to achieve. Before we venture to disturb the tribal life of those thousands in the reserves who still live their ancient tribal lives."

"While Governments have attempted to do something to discharge their obligations to the original owners of the land, it must be admitted that these efforts have fallen pitifully short of what one could wish."

"I am glad that in more recent times there has been an awakening of the public conscience about our duties to these people. I am at present preparing important proposals which, I believe, will result in great improvement."

Talks by H. G. Wells.—The Australian Broadcasting Commission has contracted with Mr. H. G. Wells for a series of radio talks in Australia. Subjects will be: "Fiction About the Future," "The World as I See It," and "Utopias."

VICEREGAL PARTY AT A SHOOT

Calcutta.
The Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, and party have accepted an invitation from the Maharaja of Nepal to be his guests at a shooting party in the Nepal Terai. The camp will be held over the Nepal border.

The shoot will be held early next month, after which the Viceroy and party will come to Calcutta on their annual visit.

SOUTH AFRICA NEW ENTERPRISES IN THE UNION

Cape Town.
A notable expansion in various branches of industrial activity is reported by the Union Department of Commerce and Industries.

Factories are going up throughout the country, not merely in large centres. These enterprises range from the manufacture of cement to the manufacture of asbestos products.

OPERATION ON THE GOVERNOR

Salisbury.
Sir Herbert J. Stanley, Governor of Southern Rhodesia, underwent an operation here recently.

The operation was carried out by the Hon. C. M. Huggins, who combines his office of Prime Minister with that of a surgeon. He was assisted by another surgeon, Mr. Gane.

Mr. Huggins received his early medical training at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

A bulletin stated that though the operation was serious, Sir Herbert's condition was satisfactory.

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Colombo.
It has been decided to provide Colombo harbour with modern, up-to-date facilities by the construction during the next two years of an oil dock and deep water quay.

The cost is estimated at £1,000,000, and the ultimate benefit to the revenue is expected to exceed £100,000 annually. Two piers, one 800 feet in length and the other 1,000 feet, are planned.

POST OFFICE.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Public are reminded that sealed letters and packets, irrespective of contents, are classified as first class mail and must be prepaid as such.

MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and ordinary mail (not insured or parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kiangtung, Kweichow, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
Swatow	Per	December 21.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 24th November and London Parcels—London date, 17th November.	Anhui	December 21.
Manila	Carthage	December 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Empress of Russia	December 21.
Shanghai	Sichuan	December 21.
Hongkong	Hollorophan	December 21.
Straits	Boisecain	December 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 15th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 22.
Manila	Phenix	December 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (Papers etc.) London date, 25th November.	Pres. Adams	December 22.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	December 22.
Japan	Atula Maru	December 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	December 22.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	December 23.
Straits	Bhutan	December 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 18th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Marchal Joffre	December 24.
Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Shanghai	Conte Blancman	December 25.
Japan	British Monarch	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	December 26.
Manila	Pleasantville	December 26.
Straits	Van Heutz	December 27.
Tientsin and Swatow	Huph	December 27.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 28.
Manila	Potsdam	December 28.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai and Dairen	Helenus	Wed. Dec. 21, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Haiyang	Wed. Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Chunchoh and Amoy	Tsian	Wed. Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Singapore	Cremier	Wed. Dec. 21, 5 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs. Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Hunan	Thurs. Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Calcutta	Sumang	Thurs. Dec. 22, Noon.
Haiphong	Taksang	Thurs. Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 29th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs. Dec. 22.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow	K.P.O.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Parcels only for Calcutta	Ord.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong	K.P.O.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due Sydney, 31st December.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs. Dec. 22.
Swatow	K.P.O.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Parcels only for Calcutta	Ord.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong	K.P.O.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America	Empress of Russia	Thurs. Dec. 22.
via Vancouver B.C., and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 9th, January 1939.	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Parcels	Reg.	Thurs. Dec. 22, 5.15 a.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Thurs. Dec. 23, 10 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Fort Bayard, Holhow and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri. Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yochow	Fri. Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Carthage	Fri. Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Tsinan	Fri. Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Fri. Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sagres	Fri. Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Atula Maru	Fri. Dec. 23.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 5th January, 1939.	K.P.O.	Fri. Dec. 23.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 23, 5.30 p.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1939.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri. Dec. 23.
Parcels	Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 24, 9.45 a.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways" Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 3rd January, 1939.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat. Dec. 24.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Saigon	Marchal Joffre	Sat. Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Suiyang	Sat. Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat. Dec. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, Conte Blancman	10th January	Sat. Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow and Shanghai	Sinkiang	Sun. Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Kwansang	Sun. Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 2nd January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon. Dec. 26.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 26, noon.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Manila	K.P.O.	Dec. 26, noon.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due Sydney, 2nd January, 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon. Dec. 26.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 26, noon.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	Tingnara	Tues. Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yunnan	Tues. Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Enang	Tues. Dec. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjisaroca	Tues. Dec. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Szechuen	Tues. Dec. 27, Noon.

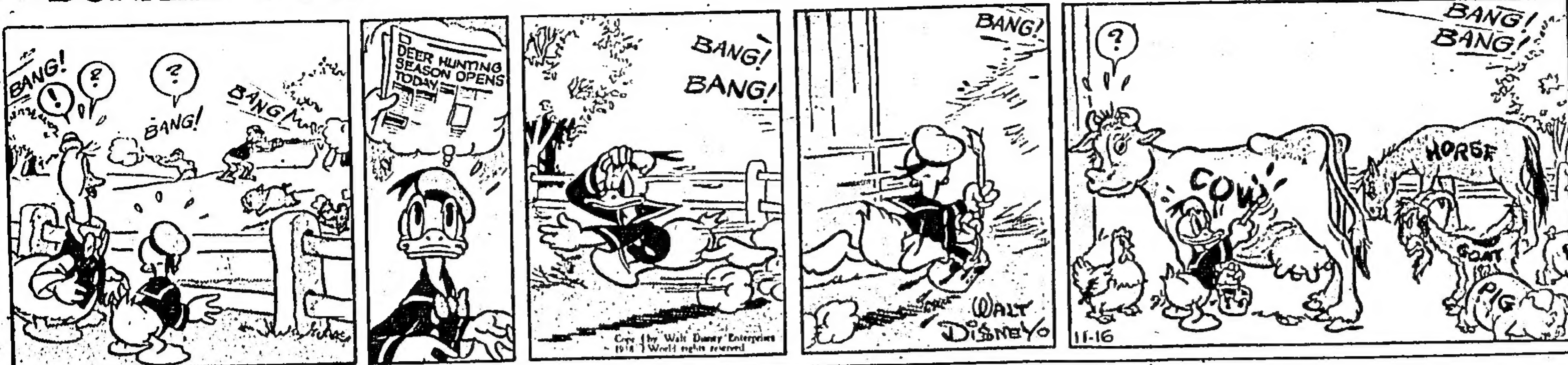
For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai	Potsdam	Wed. Dec. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Kayang	Wed. Dec. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java, Hongkong, U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 4th January 1939.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Wed. Dec. 28.
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Ord.	Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m.
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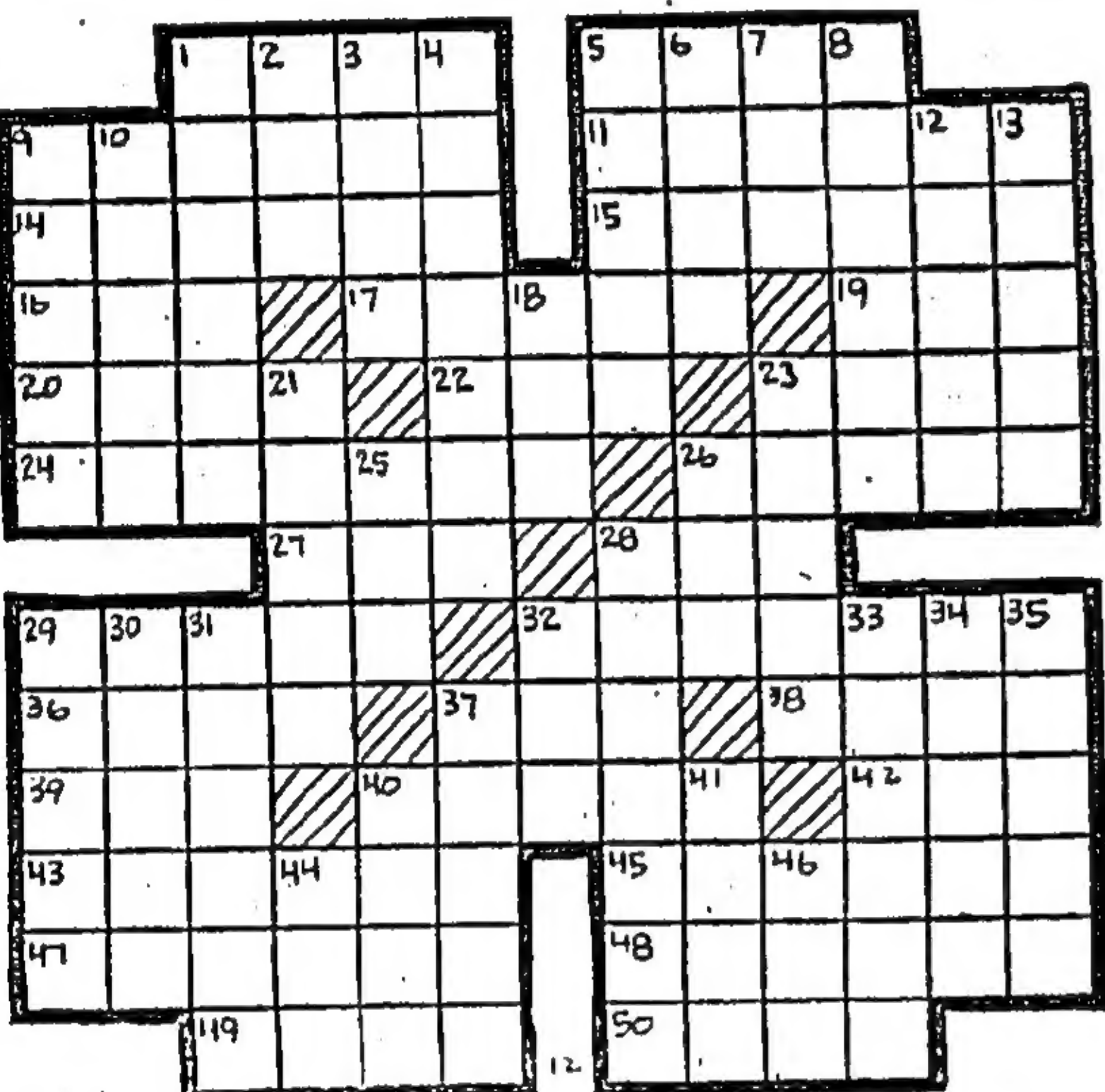
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ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Don Juan's mother
 - Engraved request
 - Removal covering
 - Chain wire
 - Come
 - Very capital mother
 - Kind of billiard shot
 - Arrival
 - Referring to male
 - My birth
 - 19th century Italian
 - Yacht
 - German
 - Small
 - The Spanish pig
 - These three are
 - Natural color
 - Like a life
 - Points in baseball
 - Assume
 - Wander
 - Amplified
 - Amplified
 - Cravat
 - Central place
 - Antenna
 - One who removes
 - Descendants



- DOWN
- Shelled fruit
 - Dutch cheese
 - Beans
 - Aspect
 - Attraction
 - Transverse
 - Strapless
 - Excitement
 - Means for painter
 - Circumlocution
 - Entry in red
 - Japanese coin
 - Auricular
 - Indian earth
 - Refined particle
 - Let loose
 - Like
 - Indian coin
 - Main course of meal
 - Small horse
 - Medicine
 - Preparation
 - Referring to bird
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 - Goat antelope
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 - Religious group
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6.0 Bach—Sonata No. 3 in E.
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6.17 A programme of English
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The Wreckers—Overture (Dame
Ethel Smyth)... Dame Ethel Smyth
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Songs)... Mused Symphony Or-
chestra cond. by George Walter
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Organ.

6.45 London Relay—"Unto Us a
Child is Born."
A Pageant of Christmas. Devised
and produced by Robin Whitworth.
With BBC Chorus and Orchestra.

7.30 Closing local Stock Quota-
tions.

7.32 Musical Comedy Selections.
"The Girl Friend"—Vocal Gems
(Rodgers); "Peggy Ann"—Vocal
Gems (Rodgers)... Light Opera
Company; "Sunshine Suite"—Med-
ley... Hale Da Costa and Harry
Jacobson (Piano Duet); Victoria
And Her Hussar"—Vocal Gems
(Abraham)... Light Opera Com-
pany; The Big Broadcast—Selection
Debroy Somers Band with the
Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan.
8.0 Time, Weather and An-
nouncements.

8.03 Debroy Somers Band.
Memories Of Horatio Nicholls;
Ballroom Memories—Waltzes; Mo-
And My Girl—Selection; What's
Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr.
Debroy Somers)... with vocal
chorus.

8.30 Albert Sandler (Violin).
Allegro (Floccia, arr. Bent and
O'Neill); Pale Moon (Lugan, arr.
Kreisler)... with Jack Byfield at
the Piano; Spanish Serenade (Her-
kens); The Child And His Dancing
Doll (Herkens)... with J. Sam-
bini (Cello) and J. Byfield (Piano).

8.43 Webster Booth (Tenor) and
Estie Ackland (Contralto).

O Peaceful England (from "Mer-
rie England"—German); Serenade
(Branga)... Essie Ackland with Or-
chestra; Sweet Melody Of Night
(film Give us this Night)... My Love
And I (film Give us this Night)...
Webster Booth with Orchestra;
Sanctuary (Hewitt)... Essie Ack-
land with Organ accomp. by Herbert
Dawson.

9.0 London Relay—Empire Ex-
change.

Points of view by travellers from
the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 Regimental Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards.

Silver Trumpets—Grand Process-
ional March (Viviani-arr. Godfrey);
The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel-
arr. Winterbottom); Acclamations
Waltz (Waldteufel)... conducted by
Capt. George Miller.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 New Variety.

Dance Orch.—A Gipsy Told Me—
Fox-Trot (film Happy Landings);
When They Played The Polka—Fox-
Trot... Horace Heidt and His
Alemite Brigadiers with vocal
chorus; Vocal—Love's Longing (film
The world belongs to the young)...
Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with
Orch.

Dance Orch.—Retain-
Tango; Loretta—Tango... Orquesta
Tipica Francisco Canaro; Vocal—Ou-
Soleil Dans Sea Yeux (Gaston
Chirac)... Damin with Wal-Berg
and His Orch.; Humorous—She Was,
She Was, She Was (Miller); Just In
Fun (Miller)... Max Miller; Dance
Orch.—A Little Kiss At Twilight—
Fox-Trot (film Give me a Sailor);
What Goes On Here In My Heart—
Fox-Trot (film Give me a Sailor)

... Dick Jurgens and His Orchestra
with vocal refrain; Vocal—Red
Maple Leaves (Kennedy-Grosz)...
Betty Driver with Orchestra; Male
Voice—Woodcutter's Song (Knorr,
Becke)... Comedy Harmonists, with
Piano; Vocal—I am a Voice (Ig-
hoff-Schwann)... Sarah Leander
with Orchestra.

10.30 London Relay—"In Town
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Following the example set by her
sister, Mrs. Veronica Catherine
Allen, popular Hongkong-born girl,
has gone to Singapore to be mar-
ried.

Miss Allen, the youngest daughter
of Mr. D. J. Allen of Lincoln, Eng-
land, and the late Mrs. Allen, and
sister of Gladys and Laurie Allen,
also well-known in Hongkong, was
married yesterday at the Cathedral
of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, to
Mr. Albert Edward Pilgrims, son of
Mrs. M. E. Pilgrims of Nice, France.

Mr. Pilgrims is a member of the staff
of Thos. Cook and Son, Singapore,
and also President of the Singapore
branch of the Cosmo Club.

Father Maurey performed the
ceremony, and Miss Allen, who was
dressed in French bridal satin, a
copy of a Chanel model, with a
French tulle veil, and a headpiece of
orange blossoms, made by "Diana"
of Hongkong, was attended by a
matron of honour, Mrs. A. Chettle.

Mr. A. Chettle, Singapore manager
of Thos. Cook and Son, gave away
the bride.

The reception was held at the
Adelphi Hotel, and afterwards, Mr.
and Mrs. Pilgrims left for Java,
where the honeymoon is being spent.
Mrs. Pilgrims' going-away dress was
a white shirtdress suit, with navy
blouse and navy taffeta off-the-face
hat, white shoes and gloves.

An interesting feature of the wed-
ding was that the bride's sister Ena,
was able to fly from Java to Singa-
pore for the occasion.

Diary Of Surrender Of Canton

Emerging from the millions of
words written to describe the fall of
Canton at the end of October, and
the anxious days which accompanied
and preceded the event in Shameen,
comes a diary, written in pleasantly
coherent, though none-the-less
dramatic language, by a resident of
the foreign settlement, which enables
one to grasp and appreciate easily
the remarkable events in Canton and
its environs during those anxious
days from September 28 to October
29.

The diary, which has been printed
and published by Ye Olde Printer,
is liberally illustrated with effective
pictures of the entry of the Japanese
into Canton, and the subsequent fires
which devastated huge portions of
the city, as well as with a compre-
hensive plan of Canton, clearly re-
vealing the sections which have suf-
fered most from the harsh Japanese
invasion.

Offered at \$1.25 it is a very useful
booklet, especially for sending away
to those who, perhaps, have not been
in a position to obtain a very accu-
rate idea of the real state of affairs
in Canton and Shameen, during Oc-
tober last.

Divorcee Writes News Release

San Francisco.
Pretty blonde Mrs. Kathleen Walk-
er believes in handling her own press
relations. When she was handed
down an interlocutory divorce decree,
she immediately handed to reporters
a typewritten statement of the whole
affair. Her principal complaint was
that her husband, as a service station
attendant, had too much occasion to
meet the most beautiful women in
the world.

ARMED ROBBERY Two Chinese Sentenced At the Sessions

An armed robbery in Ngau Chi
Wan Village on November 22 had
a sequel at the Criminal Sessions
yesterday, when two men and a
woman were charged before Mr.
Justice R. E. Lindsell.

According to Mr. Whyatt, Yeung
To-sung, his wife and six children
were in an unnumbered house in
Ngau Chi Wan Village about 6 p.m.
on November 22 when four men,
three armed with revolvers, entered
and held them up. The robbers ran-
sacked the place and took away \$400
in money and a quantity of jewel-
lery.

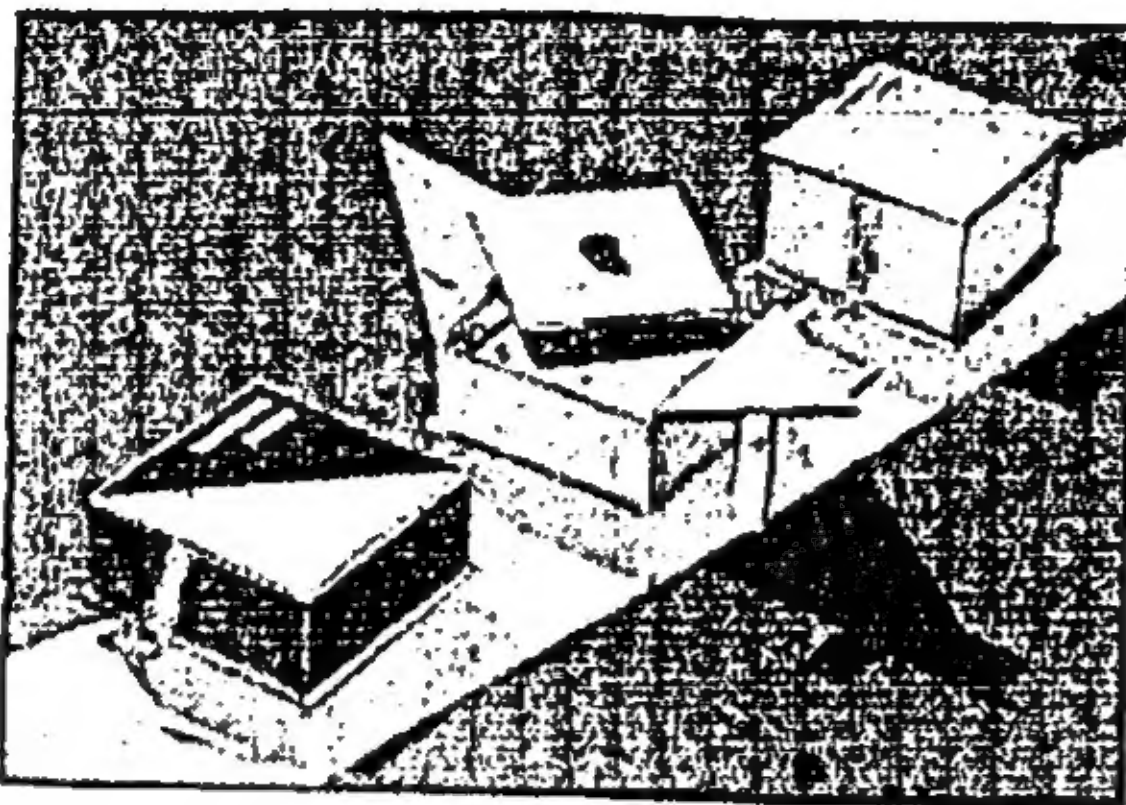
As a result of information, first and
second accused were arrested in a
tenhouse, and some of the stolen
property was found on their person.
Later, the first accused took the
police to his house in Mok Min Hau
Village, where the third prisoner
was arrested.
First and third prisoners were
found guilty, and sentenced to four
and two years' hard labour, respec-
tively.
The case against the second was
adjourned until this afternoon for
him to call a witness.

Gifts for Ladies

Elizabeth Arden

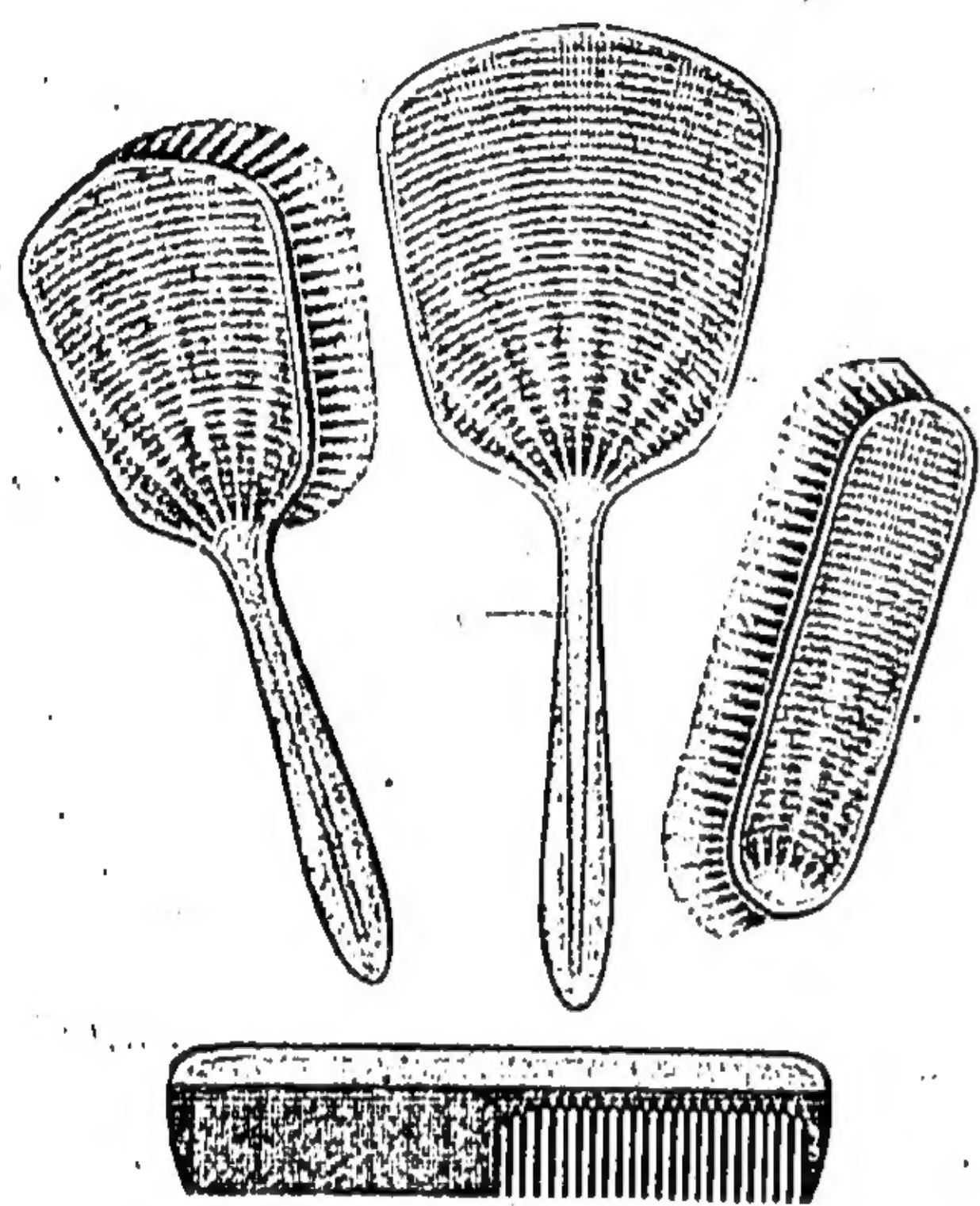
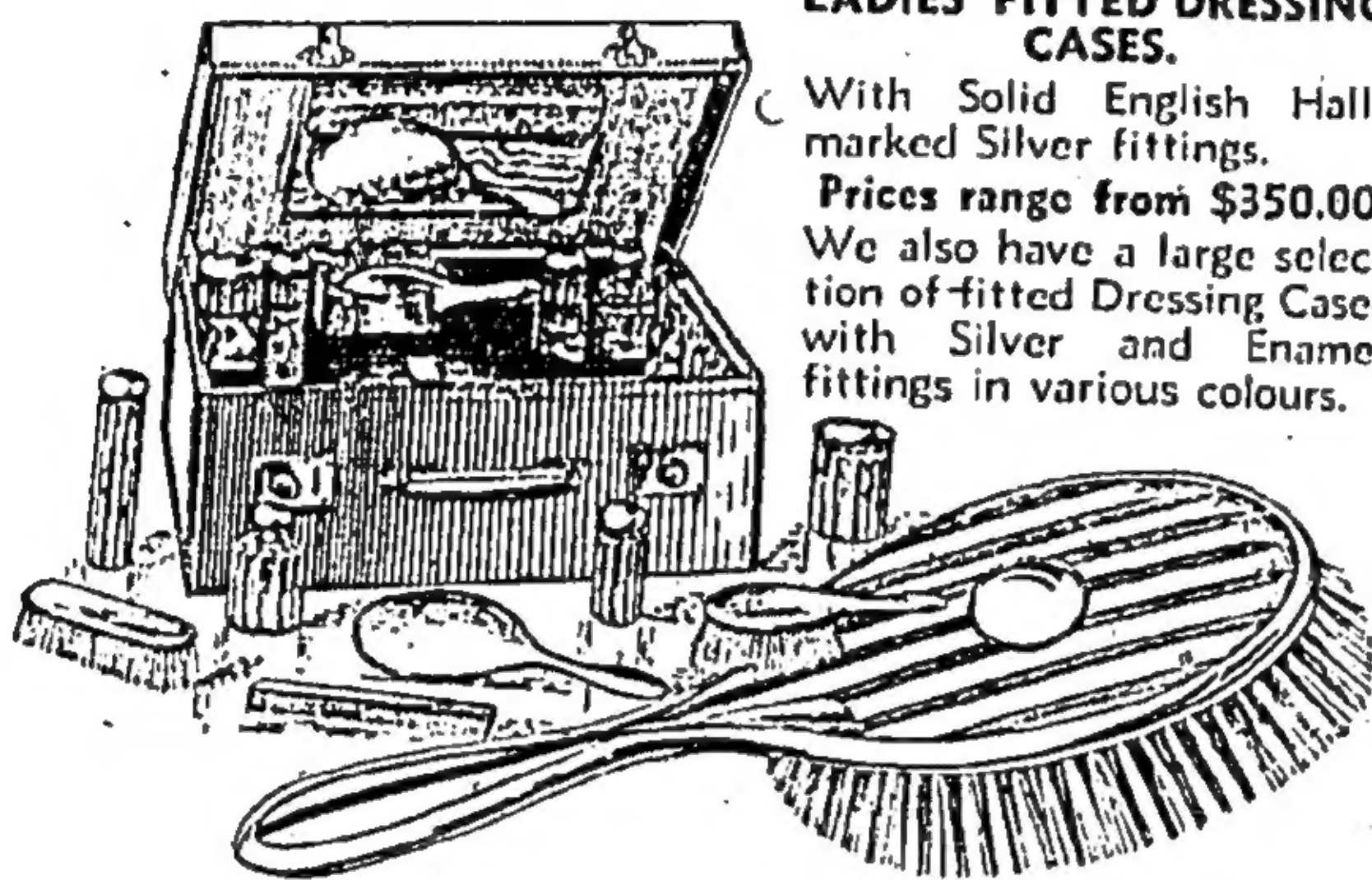
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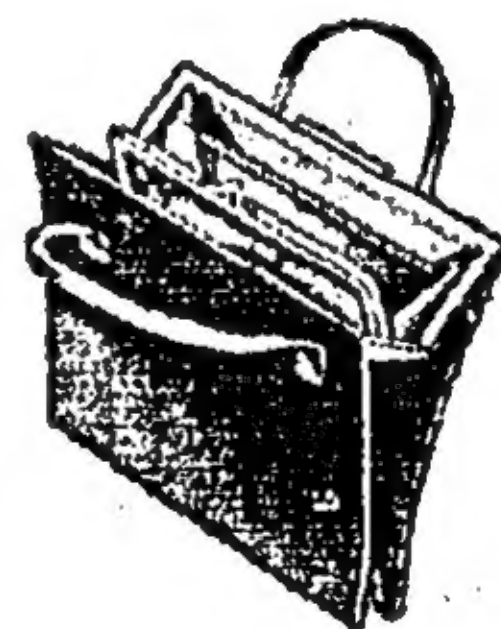


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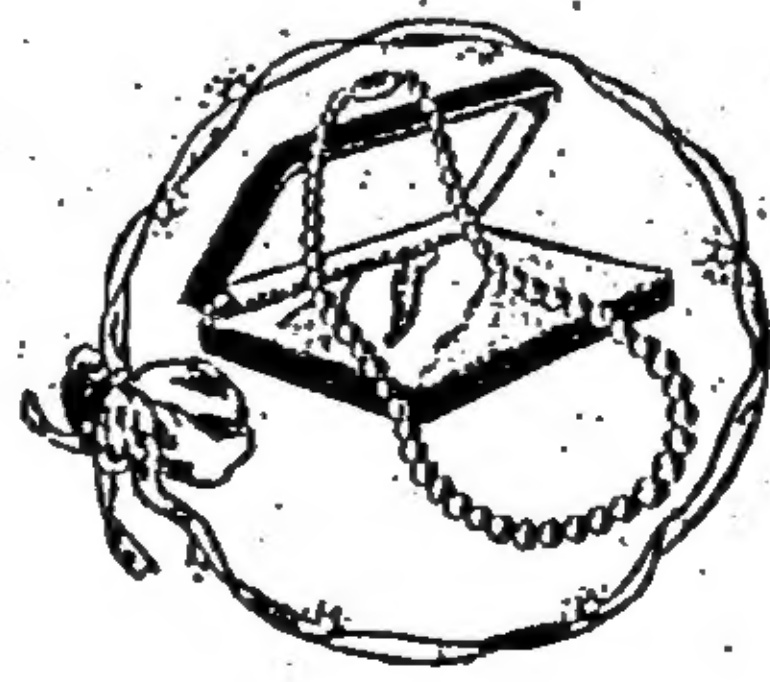


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HEROIN DIVANS

Action Taken Against Principal Tenant

One of the first cases under the Ordinance passed this year to suppress heroin divans, by penalizing those who knowingly let or sub-let premises for that purpose, was concluded before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a 39-year-old widow, Ho Wing-hing, was fined \$500, or six months' hard labour, for permitting her flat at Hing Loong Street to be used as a heroin divan on December 6.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendant, while Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens prosecuted.

The case was adjourned from Monday, as Ho had stated that she was not the principal tenant. Yesterday, evidence was given by Ho Kim-yip, a folk of the Fu Hang Banking Corporation, who said they collected the rent from Ho. The owner of the house was Yeung Shi, who resided in Macao.

In giving his decision, Mr. Houston stated:

My remarks are principally addressed to principal tenants who live on the premises they sub-let. They cannot conceivably plead ignorance to what is going on beneath their noses. Unless they take effective action to suppress a divan on their premises, I intend to impose the maximum penalty viz. 12 months' hard labour, and \$2,500 or another six months, on each case.

The actions they must take to protect themselves are either:

Give notice to quit to the keeper of the divan warning him immediately to stop keeping the premises as a divan. Giving notice is no protection unless the premises actually cease to be kept as a heroin divan.

If the keeper refuses to leave or close his heroin divan, recourse must be had to the following—go immediately to a police station and inform a responsible European officer about the heroin divan. Further steps will be taken by the police to close the divan, but no action whatsoever will be taken against the principal tenant.

In all cases, I recommend the second procedure. Full protection will be given and the name of the informant will not be disclosed to anyone, not even to this Court.

I again wish to reiterate my warning that I shall impose the maximum penalty. I have pointed out the means of self-protection for principal tenants. If they do not avail themselves of it they have only themselves to blame when they face a year's hard labour.

BATCH OF DEFENDANTS

Heavy terms of imprisonment and fines were imposed on drug traffickers by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Revenue Officer Warden prosecuted.

A total of \$105 in fines, in default five and a half months, was imposed on Ng Pui of 1001, Canton Road, for possession of prepared opium, heroin pills, paraphernalia for smoking purposes, and for keeping an opium divan. On a further charge of keeping a heroin divan, he was sentenced to six months without the option.

Tam Man, of 1003, Canton Road, was fined a total of \$130 on two counts of keeping an opium divan and unlawful possession of prepared opium. On additional charges of possession of 930 heroin pills and heroin pipes, he was fined a total of \$500 or seven and a half months.

For keeping a heroin divan at 1007, Canton Road, Lan Pui was sentenced to nine months. He was fined \$20 or one month for possession of heroin pipes.

Wong Tsui of 1011, Canton Road, was sentenced to six months for keeping a heroin divan, and for possession of heroin pills and pipes for heroin smoking, and keeping an opium divan and unlawful possession of prepared opium, he was fined a total of \$230, or seven and a half months.

Chan Kwai of 236, Yee Chow Street, received six months for keeping a heroin divan, and fines totalling \$200 or six months were added for possession of heroin pills, prepared opium and heroin pipes.

Yeung Shi, of 103, Kweilin Street, was fined a total of \$165, in default six months, for keeping an opium divan, possession of prepared opium, possession of 35 heroin pills, and pipes used for heroin smoking. He received an additional six months for keeping a heroin divan.

SESSIONS SENTENCES

Charged with unlawful possession of one third of an ounce of heroin, 13,140 heroin pills and 43 ounces of pink mass, Tam Kim, unemployed seaman, was sentenced to two and half years' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, after he had been found guilty by a jury comprising Messrs. A. Minot (Foreman), E. A. Roza, Watt, Kam-yuen, F. H. Mody, Foon Shing-wing, P. W. Calderara and J. P. Pereira.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, and accused was arrested on November 21 following a raid by Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens, Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, and others, on a house in Shek Kip Mei village, Kowloon city. The rear part of the house was used as a heroin pill factory. Though he now pleaded not guilty, accused at the time of his arrest freely admitted that the articles for manufacturing heroin pills were his.

The same jury then tried Lau Fuk-sang, 28, furniture maker, who was charged with unlawful possession of 33,500 heroin pills. Accused was seen by an Indian constable walking up Cochrane Street with a rattan basket in his hand. The constable approached him and he dropped the basket, but was caught. The pills were found in the basket. Convicted, accused was sentenced to two and half years' hard labour.



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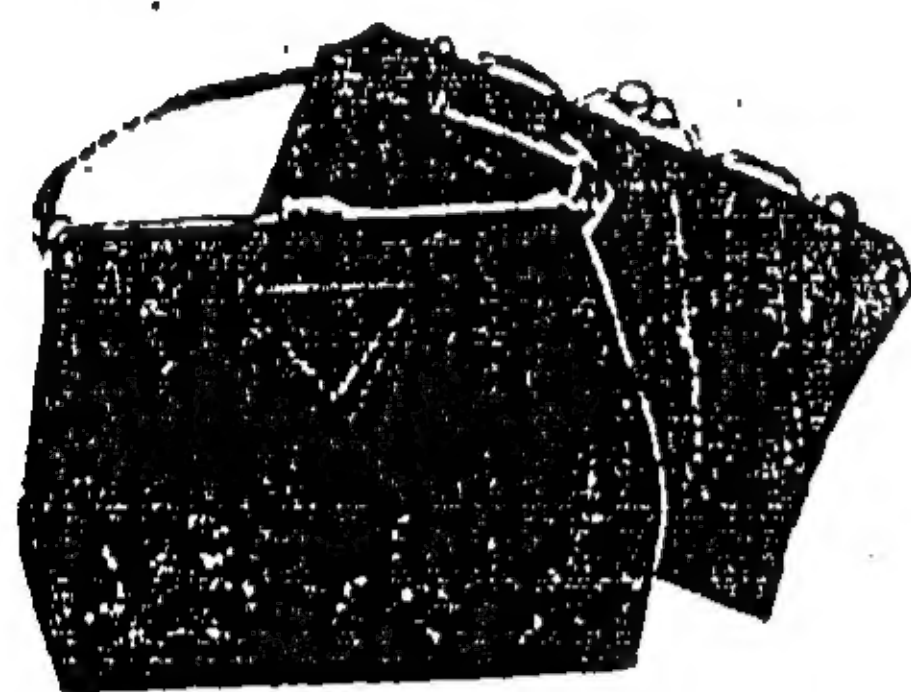
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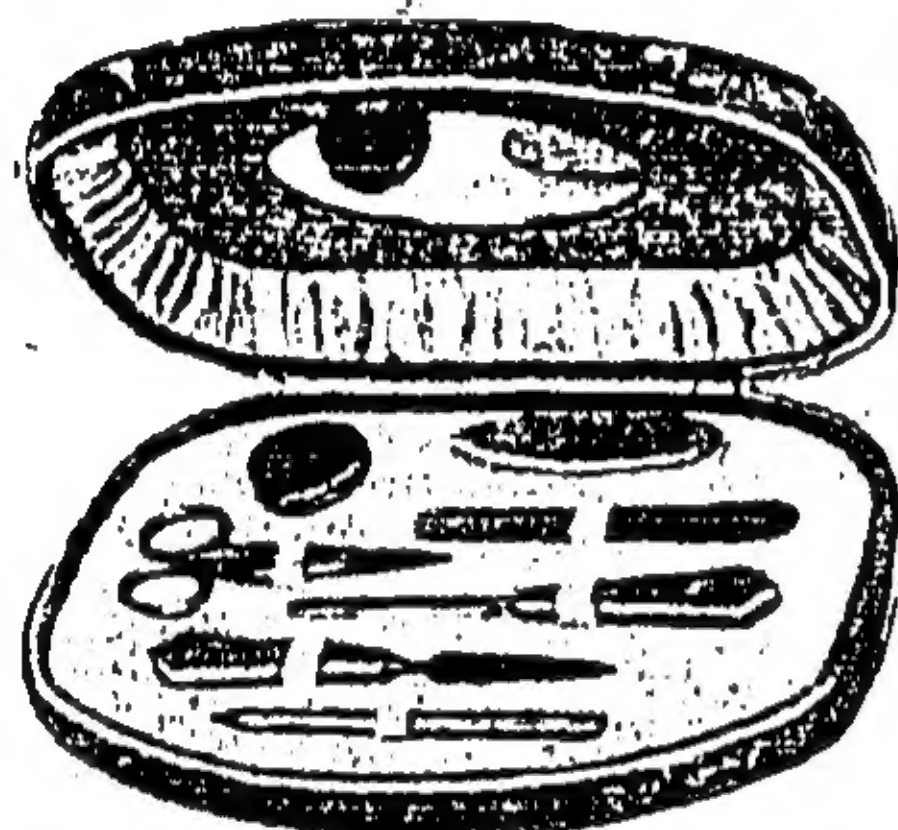
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"The Three Bears"

Christmas Pantomime
For Children

The little Pantomime for Hong-kong Children, "The Three Bears" which was written and produced by Mrs. O. Womack, opened at the Helena May Institute last night.

The children will enjoy this, though they will find "Silkylocks" a blaze and somewhat precocious substitute for the beloved "Goldilocks." The grown-ups will appreciate the dance of the Dream Fairy (Betty Pestonji), which was arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe, and the appearance of Prince Carnival (Allen Purves), which was arranged by Miss Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Bear are played by those Hongkong favourites Mr. V. C. Labrum and Mrs. Winnie Cox.

All the seats for the first two performances having been sold, arrangements have been made to have a further performance to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

The cast is as follows:

The Policeman T. R. Rowell
The Christmas Fairy V. C. Labrum
The Carol Singers (Allen Purves)
The Carol Singers (Vivien Halston)
The Carol Singers (Crista Womack)
The Christmas Fairy (Dick Labrum)
The Christmas Fairy (Burette Compton)
The Christmas Fairy (V. C. Labrum)
The Christmas Fairy (David Hisey)
The Christmas Fairy (Winnie Cox)
The Christmas Fairy (Vivien Halston)
The Christmas Fairy (O. C. Womack)
The Christmas Fairy (T. R. Rowell)
The Christmas Fairy (Dick Labrum)
The Christmas Fairy (H. F. Sommers)
The Christmas Fairy (Elizabeth Black)
The Christmas Fairy (Ann Woodward)
The Christmas Fairy (Christopher Haley)
The Christmas Fairy (Vera Black)
The Christmas Fairy (Judy Rowell)
The Christmas Fairy (Joan Woodward)
The Christmas Fairy (Allen Purves)
The Christmas Fairy (Betty Pestonji)
The Christmas Fairy (Miss Daisy O'Keefe)
The Christmas Fairy (Allen Purves)
The Christmas Fairy (Crista Womack)
The Christmas Fairy (Joan de Ville)
The Christmas Fairy (Crista Womack)
The Christmas Fairy (O. C. Womack)
The Christmas Fairy (Mary Brock)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Garrison Infants' School
Entertain Parents

The children of the Garrison Infants' School, Hongkong, entertained their parents yesterday with a delightful Christmas Concert, the official party present being Mrs. D. J. McDougall, wife of the O. C. Schools, Captain F. Sale (Army Education Officer), and Mrs. Sale, the Rev. S. Hindell, the Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow, the Rev. C. S. Winstanley, and Captain D. Lewis (Medical Officer).

The chief item on the programme was a play "Dick Whittington" in which the antics of Dick's cat caused a great deal of laughter and prolonged applause.

Other items on the programme included Nursery Rhymes, Action Songs, Carols and selections by the Percussion Band.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Loloma Kindergarten Entertain

Parents at St. Andrew's

The Loloma Kindergarten held their Christmas Festival and Christmas Party in St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday when an enjoyable programme was arranged for the entertainment of parents.

The proceedings opened with a song of greeting, after which the children sang and acted their favourite nursery rhymes. The Percussion Band rendered selections, and after tea there were outdoor organised games, carols and a playlet. Father Christmas brought the function to a close by distributing presents to parents as well as the children.

CHORAL CONCERT

Programme to be Given By
Hop Yat Church Choir

A choir recital, to which members of other churches are also welcome, will be rendered by the Hop Yat Church Choir, at the Hop Yat Church, No. 1 Bonham Road, to-day, commencing at 8.15 p.m. The items will include:

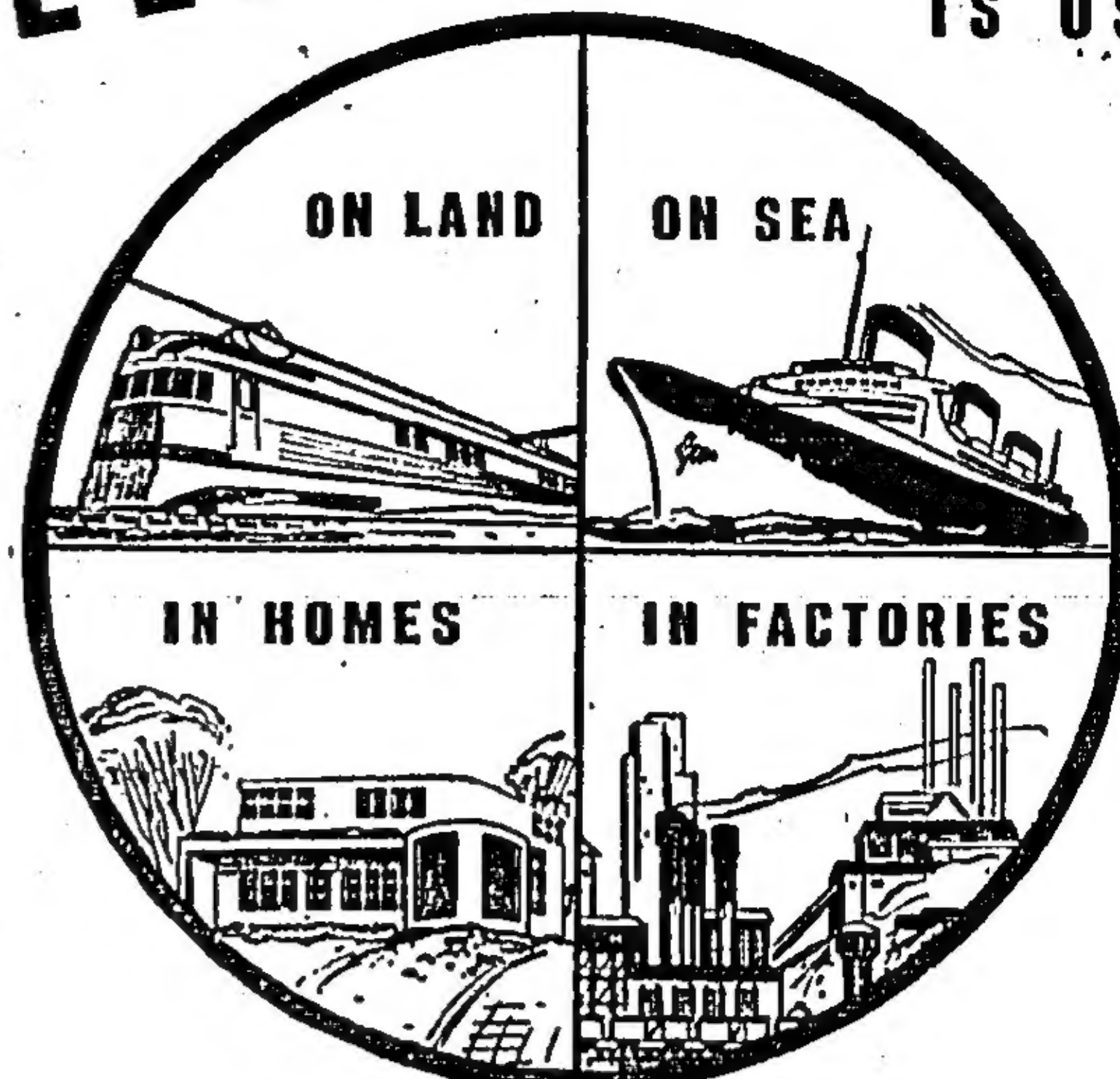
"And the Glory of the Lord" (Handel).
"I Am Alpha" (Stainer).
"Hallelujah Amen" (Handel).
"The Heavens Are Telling" (Haydn).
"There Were Shepherds" (Gliff).
"O Lord My God" (Beethoven).
"Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel).
"Largo Expressivo" (Pugnani).
Other items will be as follows:
"O'er Land and Meadow" and "Angels' Serenade" by Miss Mary Ho (Soprano).
"In Native Worth" by Mr. Ng Pak Chau (Tenor).
"Concerto No. 1 in A major" by Mr. Ho An Tung (Violin).
"Andante" by Mr. Lee Muk Loong (Flute).

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

The accounts of the Bridge Drive of the Women's League of Health and Beauty, held at the Kowloon Cricket Club recently are to hand, and show a balance of \$20 for Prunella's Building Fund, after deducting from the capital of \$132, the following items: for tea \$60, rent of room \$15, printing and prizes \$31.

The room at the Club was this year filled to capacity, and next year, if Miss Glover's successor holds a Bridge Drive on the same lines, it will be necessary to reserve it for ticket holders only.

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Slam!

WESTERN business interests can hardly be blamed if they greet with a certain amount of scepticism the spirited defence by Japan's Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita, of Tokyo's plans for reviving and expanding China's industry.

Mr. Arita's use of statistics in pleading Manchukuo as an example of what Japan plans for China will hardly convince British and American merchants that the markets they once enjoyed in the Manchurian provinces are flourishing. Nor will foreigners be under any disillusion regarding the fact that the Japanese Plan, if effectuated, means the end of the Open Door elsewhere in China, and the virtual exclusion of all Western Powers from the trade and industry of the Far East.

The Japanese are thinking of co-operation with China in terms of monopolies and discriminatory privileges in favour of their own nationals. If they observed it in Manchukuo—and this is what Mr. Arita naively suggests is the Plan that will set to rest the fears of the West—not merely the ascendancy of Western commercial enterprise in the Far East is doomed, but its dwindling must ultimately reach the stage where it will become infinitesimal.

1823—1938

"FOR GOD'S sake, do not drag me into another war!"

"I am worn down and worn out with crusading and defending Europe and protecting mankind; I must think a little of myself."

"I am sorry for the Spaniards; I am sorry for the Greeks—I deplore the fate of the Jews; the people of the Sandwich Islands are groaning under the most detestable tyranny; Baghdad is oppressed—I do not like the present state of the Delta—Tibet is not comfortable."

"Am I to fight for all these people? The world is bursting with sin and sorrow. Am I to be champion of the Decalogue and to be eternally raising fleets and armies to make all men good and happy?"

"We have just done saving Europe, and I am afraid we shall cut each other's throats."

Who said that? Sydney Smith, English writer and divine, who died ninety-four years ago.

When did he say it? In the *Edinburgh Review* in 1823. One hundred and fifteen years ago.

Sydney Smith was a sound man.



BALLOON DANCE.

Vicar of St. Hilda's praises pools

By the Rev. W. Rowland JONES

(Vicar of St. Hilda's, Denton, an important industrial parish in Manchester.)

PERHAPS the Church has not yet realised the seriousness of these passing days. What was she doing during the recent, and not yet ended, crisis?

Perhaps musing, or on a journey, or peradventure, sleeping! Perhaps the Church thinks that all is well with our modern world.

Whatever the reason, the conference of Manchester churchmen at a recent meeting was not concerned with the agonies of the world; not concerned about the ending of war, or the making of peace; not concerned with the ending of tyranny or the saving of democracy.

It was concerned about the smashing of the Football Pools! The Government was called on to turn aside from the healing of Europe's wounds, to fight a "serious and mischievous menace to the community." The menace is neither Phosgene nor Lewisite nor Mustard Gas, but—Football Pools!

IF it were not tragic, it would be laughable. Here is the world at its wit's end to know how to escape from the horrors of its own entanglements. If the Church believes her own Gospel, she has the remedy.

Never was a greater opportunity presented to the Church. Not even contented with Nero's role of fiery bidder, the Church makes matters worse by bleating about Football Pools.

What is the truth about this amusement which the Manchester

Diocesan Conference calls a menace to the community?

About half the population of the country tries to forecast the results of Saturday's football matches. Eighty per cent. fail, and lose their money. But in return they get a "kick" out of week-end football which they consider well worth the money.

They know the odds are some thousands against them, but they go on sending up their postal orders, feeling that it is all great fun, and—"somebody's got to win!"

What harm does it all do?

NEARLY all my people, some six thousand, including their Vicar, try their luck. But I have yet to come across a single child who is going hungry because daddy buys a postal order every week.

The whole thing has become a family institution, and far from evil resulting, it is a jolly game, with always the chance of a "hit," and a welcome cheque for Wakes week. Where is the harm of it all?

It may be, perhaps, sad that people to-day can find no more enlightened way of spending their leisure. But there are doubts even about that. There are far worse ways of spending spare time.

I have had to spend an enormous amount of time listening to the empty chatter of Church people many of them wearing clerical collars. I consider that my time is much better spent filling up my football coupon. At least, it does stimulate my brain!

If there are other and better ways of spending leisure and the people do not know of them, that in itself is a commentary on the failure of the Church to show

men the true brightness of life. The man in the street would far rather spend an hour poring over the chances of Manchester City than listening to the inaudible mumblings of the Oxford organ of the curate saying evensong!

The Church has reduced the worship of God to a thing which is inexpressibly dull, and everyday people will have nothing to do with it. They find escape in the Football Pool.

The man in the street would far rather weigh up the chances of the United away than go to the parish bazaar, where he is asked to buy a ticket for a raffle and win a thing he doesn't want. The Manchester Conference had nothing to say about this "mischievous menace."

The Church of England, of all the Churches, has made religion so utterly drab that we gladly turn to the Pools for a thrill. The churches are bare and chilly and gloomy; the parish halls lit in the rain, and the parish billiard-table is a scenic railway.

Every Sunday it is "give for this" and "give for that," and the people stay away. The Pool promoters do pay out as well as take in. There is always a chance of "coming up."

IS not this ecclesiastical wall against the Pools on a level with the Church's attitude against so many of the people's legitimate amusements? Is it not rather an echo of the story of the dog in the manger?

Take Sunday games as an example. The Church says, "You won't come to church, so we will fight against your right to play on your only holiday."

What a relief it would be if the Church would frame a daring re-

solution against the gambling of its best supporters on the Stock Exchange!

There is, of course, not one lot of difference between the wealthy churchwardens' flutter with his stocks and shares and Bill Ramsbottom's sixpence on three draws next Friday. The only difference is that Bill does not go to church, nor support the collections, and the wealthy churchwardens always gives so generously to the Bishop's appeal.

TACTFULLY (or should we say despicably?) the Church remains silent about the greater evil, but fulminates against poor Bill Ramsbottom.

Presumably, the same argument applies to the abolition of the slums, and the attack upon the Arms Ramp. You can't very well attack the very source of your own income, so you bleat about Football Pools.

Will the Football Pool Promoters become churchwardens by way of defence? Then they will not be attacked, if their donations are large enough.

The Manchester Conference almost coincided with the first anniversary of the death of "Dick" Sheppard, the greatest Churchman of them all.

He was not popular amongst his fellow-Churchmen, but how popular he was among the common people, the same sort of people who send up their pools coupons, the same sort of people who used to hear Christ gladly!

DICK once wrote a book which he called *The Impatience of a Parson*. It was not popular among the officials of the church. It declared that the writer was heartily tired of the futile reactions of the official Church to the burning problems of the day.

Dick knew. He came face to face with life in the raw in the crypt of Saint Martin's. He knew that the Church had no answer for the hungry sheep that were not fed.

Dick was one who, faced up to reality. When will the Church have the courage to do that?

The "mischievous menace" of to-day is not the Football Pools. It is, as Dick saw, the diabolical threat of modern barbarism under the name of war. It is the cry of the hungry and the sullen heartbreak of the workless. It is the threat of the very end of our so-called civilisation.

What would the Lord of the Church have said? I don't think He would have framed a pious resolution about Football Pools!

To-day's Thought

It is folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonably be expected to do.

—RICHARD WHATELY.

Cockfight 'Fans' Have Own Club

Outside a very close and secret circle it is not known that there exists in this country an organisation known as the Ancient Society of Cockfights.

This centuries-old organisation protects the interests of cockfighters and acts as an insurance club whenever its members are caught and brought before the courts.

Subscriptions are voluntary but the list of patrons contains many distinguished names.

A member of the society said that when 21 defendants were fined a total of over £300 in North West-morland a few months ago, some of the fines and part of the cost of the defence were met by the society.

"Our Dumb Friends League, who were responsible for the prosecution in this case, think they have captured the ringleaders of the sport," he said.

"They are very much mistaken. In the north, where important mains are staged at regular intervals in isolated places, there is not one chance in a thousand of detection."

It is known, however, that enthusiasts at gatherings include magistrates and other influential men.

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In an eloquent address on "Children of the Dead End," Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier, Honorary Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Children, asked for contributions from the Rotary Club yesterday to help give the poor children of the Colony a happy Christmas.

On the suggestion of Rotarian T. B. Wilson, who gave a contribution, a collection was afterwards taken up for this cause.

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan presided, and the guests included Dr. C. T. Wang, former Ambassador of China to America and, prior to that, Governor of the South China Rotary District; and also Dr. J. M. Henry, present Governor of the District and Chairman of the Canton Refugee Council.

Dr. Wang said he was glad to be again among the Rotarians he knew over three years ago. Of the service to others which Rotarians rendered, he was sure that service only was not one to which the local Club subscribed.

Dr. Henry said he would have pleasure in informing Rotary Headquarters of the progress made by the local Club, which was, in his opinion, one of the best in the District.

The Hon. Sir Robert Colewall, Rotarians T. C. Yu, Tientsin; E. L. Pan, Tientsin; G. G. Heide, Changsha; H. Kadoorie, Shanghai; H. M. van der Schuer, and A. Hoffmeister, Canton; F. Turley, Canada; B. W. Robinson, Los Angeles; G. A. Fitch, Nanjing; were visitors at the meeting, which included a large number of ladies.

Mrs. Crozier said, in part: "In the past week I have spent a lot of time at the Society's centres and what I have seen has made me realise that more than ever we are in need of your support—the Society's problems are multiplied, its burdens increased by the influx of refugees. We have more hungry mouths to feed than normal times we do not, as a matter of policy, give anything other than purely temporary relief for children whose parents are not Hongkong born—but, as you know, these people cannot, as yet, be sent back. Government and the Emergency Refugee Relief Committee are doing their best to make provision for these people; but organising homeless wanderers takes time and meanwhile their babies must be fed."

The Society does, in extreme cases, pay up arrears in rent for mothers with little children—scarcely rents have increased the Society's liabilities. The rise in the cost of living—the price of food and wood—is making many who would otherwise be able to manage come to the Society for food for their children. It was to assist the children of ignorance and want that the Society was started nine years ago; dedicated to the threefold proposition:—That no child of whom we have knowledge shall lack food; that we shall provide or procure medical care for any such child as needs it; that, as far as our means allow, we shall rescue such destitute children from dangerous environment. The Society has four centres, two on the Island and two in Kowloon, managed by salaried inspectors, to whom we owe more than I can tell you, with advice from honorary branch secretaries. Go into any of these centres and you will see lines of mothers receiving good rich soup, cheap in cost, so that pregnant and nursing mothers will be able to build-up healthy babies. You will see rows of them feeding small babies with milk, prange-juce, codliver oil, and the same soup that the mothers receive. The babies will be weighed and progress noted in the files, medical treatment will be secured for this baby with "sore eyes," or that with tubercular glands, or skin disease. Educating the mothers is part of the Society's programme of service. This last year 53,383 visits were paid to the Society's centres. Then there is the Lien Yuet Sien Centre. At Clarence Terrace we

have a house, lent to us and equipped by the generosity of Mr. Li Po-chun, where for the past 18 months we have had a creche—for the first time in the Colony. Results have proved this new departure to be a most successful experiment. Working mothers come at early morning and leave their babies, ranging from new born to two years in age. The mothers are thus left free to earn a daily wage and the babies, cared for by trained nurses, gain by their stay in clean surroundings and proper feeding.

We have no institutions of our own and are grateful, as the Colony should be, to the help of the various orphanages and industrial schools to which we can safely entrust cases against a small payment which may cover the base cost of living and sometimes, I suspect, less than that.

Attending Courts

To-day the Juvenile Courts are attended by the representatives of the Society, members of the Women's Auxiliary, who get into touch with cases and bring them to the notice of the Society's officers. Our Society aims at preserving the health of children and rescuing them from the dangerous environment which is all that their destitution has to offer them.

Last year the Society spent \$1,558 beyond its income, and this year the income again fell short of expenditure; but we are out for even more centres. Our mothers cannot afford buses and trams. Nor can they afford the loss of a day's wage—small as it may be—if the nearest centre is too far away. A centre costs a little more than \$5,000 a year, and we have not got the money for any more. But we are going out to get it. Expansion in the immediate future does not mean launching out into anything new. It means enlarging the scale of our present operations.

Does not the fact that, as a community, we have not shouldered the burden of these, our own, hapless little children as have other communities, give them a claim on our voluntary services as individuals? Our immunity from rates and taxes for social services, in their regard is at the cost of the children's suffering.

Some years ago, outside a hospital in southern Europe, intended, I believe, for foreign seamen, there was a notice "We Harbour All Disease and Respect No Religions." The Society for the Protection of Children is a little like that, for no mother has ever been refused who has appealed to it on behalf of an ailing or under-nourished child, and we are not concerned as to her religious or political attachments.

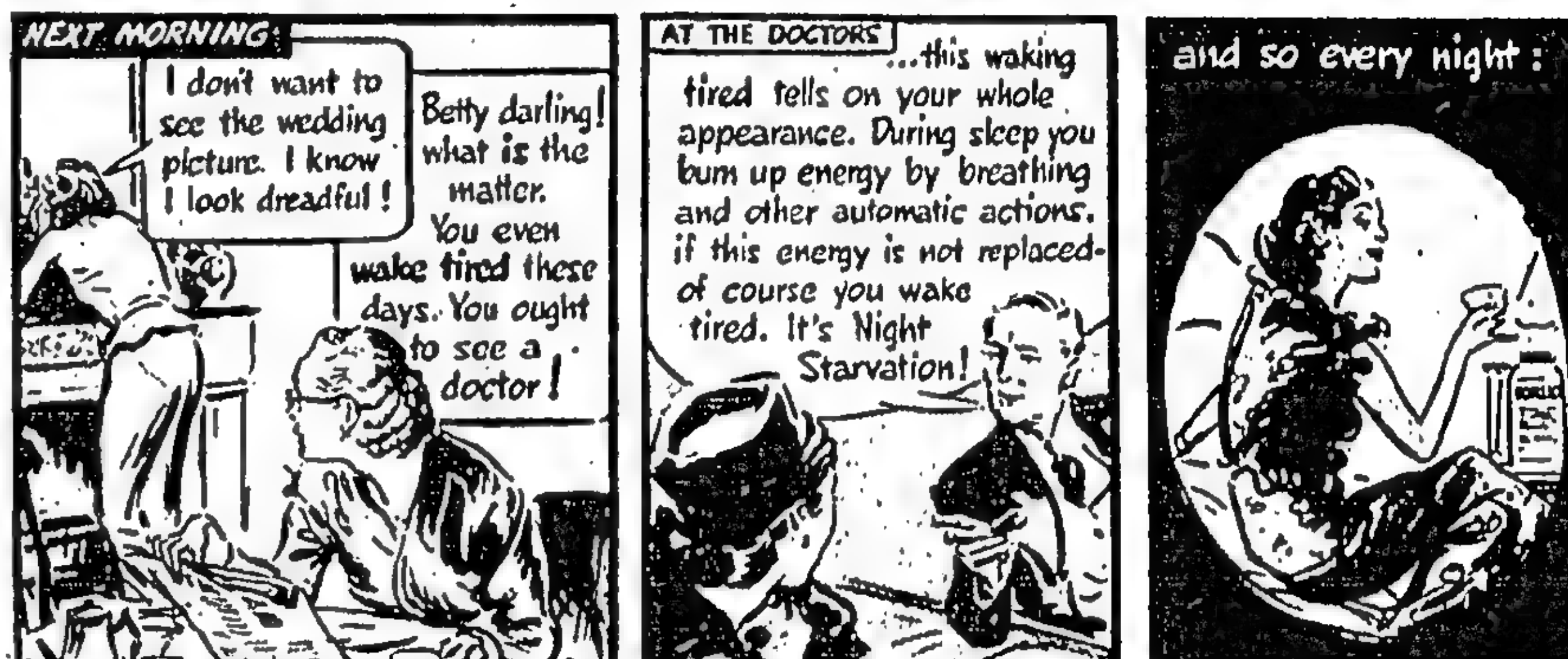
The sum of \$30,000 kept our centres going this year. We are asking for \$40,000 for 1939. It is not much in terms of sterling or gold dollars, but in terms of healthy mothers and happy children its value is incalculable—with that amount we shall be able to carry on and open two new centres. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, in thanking the speaker, said he was sure at this season of good cheer and goodwill, that Rotarians would not be content with merely praising the speaker's sentiments, but would subscribe financially to the cause, which well exemplified the Rotary spirit. It was announced that there would be a meeting of the Club next Tuesday.

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The P.G.A., controllers of the Vardon Trophy competition, which settles the professional's championship, have hitherto based their findings on average scores.

The competition concerns major tournaments, such as the open championship, the Daily Mail's £2,000 event, the "Silver King" and the News-Chronicle's £1,000 contest. The P.G.A. note the scores earned in these competitions and rank players accordingly.

With the following rather extraordinary result last season: Henry Cotton, who played fine golf but was dogged by the worst of luck, did not win a single major tournament, yet when they worked out his average they found he was the winner of the Vardon Trophy and therefore the champion of the year!

When Reg Whitcombe, the open champion, heard this he felt that he had been bunkered out of turn, and as for Alf Perry, who won more tournaments than any other player, he said more than a few words.

ANOMOLOUS

Do not think Cotton is going to apologise for going round in fewer strokes than anyone else. He can't. He played the required minimum of 16 rounds, and on the trophy fairly, according to the rules of the competition.

At the same time he will admit that it is a bit anomalous that neither Whitcombe, the open winner, nor Perry, who won most events last summer, should not be the champion of the year. The result actually was Cotton (average 72.87) 1, Whitcombe (73.35) 2, Perry (73.4) 3.

This only goes to show that a golfer's scores are not a dependable guide to his tournament-winning powers. By the same rule you cannot judge a cricketer's value by his averages.

So next season the P.G.A. will employ a new system. They will borrow the one used in cross-country running. In this testing pastime the winner of a race scores 1 point for his time, the second man 2, the third 3, and so on.

That is how this golf will be worked. If Cotton wins the open he will

score one point. If he is 20th (dreadful thought!) he will be credited with 20—and the player with the smallest aggregate will of course, be the victor.

FAIRER WAY

On that basis, a golf expert worked it out that last season's winner—and therefore the year's best golfer—would, fittingly enough, have been Reg Whitcombe with 20 points. Perry would have been second with 30 and Cotton third with 70.

He also pointed out that one important drawback to the "average score" system is the weather. A score of, say, 73 in perfect summer conditions is surely not so good as a 76 returned against blustering wind and driving rain?

No one can quarrel with a record based on results. That's why the League football system always works so well, and why the county cricket table, so long as it is governed by percentages, will always lead to arguments.

The P.G.A. have made a wise change. Being placed among the first 12 professionals is a matter of great importance to British golfers, and it is as well that the ranking should be above criticism.

AMERICAN SCULLER'S SUCCESS

The final of the Colquhoun Sculls on November 19 at Cambridge was won by an American oarsman, Hugh Parker, of Tabor Academy, Concord, the first American champion of the Cam in the long series of winners. Bunting Howell, who won the Wincfield in 1898, was a Cambridge man but records do not show him as ever having won the Colquhouns.

Parker gained an early lead and won easily. His opponent lost distance through steering wide at Grassy Corner. Result: Buck Station, H. Parker (Tabor, Acad., U.S.A., Trinity Hall) 1. Front Station, E. C. P. Sherwood (Marlborough, Christ's) 2. Won by 11 sec. in 8 min. 11 sec.

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Not Always Safe To Do This Thing



This is not always a safe thing to do, but in the present case the goat-keeper, Pau Ka-ping, of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, is wide-awake and no harm is done. An incident in the charity soccer match on Sunday when the Chinese defeated the Hongkong F.A. by four goals to nil. The Association forwards tried hard to score in the second half without success, and Lee Tin-kang is here seen heading the ball back to Pau when harried by Fowler. —Photo by Jaffer.

Here And There With "Abe"

Readers Want Box-Scores Of Softball Matches

YESTERDAY I received two letters, one from a fair reader and the other from a visitor from Shanghai, asking why local newspapers do not publish the box-scores of the softball matches played in the Ladies' League. "Couldn't you beg, borrow, steal or otherwise pilfer the box-scores from the coaches, trainers and scribes wearing out their Everhard Fabers at these matches?" asks "A Lady." "If you do watch these Ladies' softball matches, you are too busy (sic) to give much attention to this new-born infant—you must have noticed how this modified game of swat has taken on; so what about the box-scores for those Sunday morning games?" "I really do believe that the box-scores of these games are the meat of the whole story, as from them one can gather many illuminating facts which would otherwise escape deserved attention. This 'new-born infant' having developed into a lusty kicking babe, I was not entirely surprised to receive two such letters; it was inevitable that a time would come when the game's adherents would demand more attention to it, and consequently more space in the papers.

It Has Caught On

THAT the game has caught on in Hongkong there can be no doubt at all. A visit to King's Park any Sunday morning will convince even the most sanguine of that. Personally I have not been able to whip myself into the same degree of enthusiasm for the sport as some of my friends have; but then I cannot expect these same friends to reveal the same keenness for the games which I find so enjoyable. It's just a matter of taste. Except to those who understand the intricate system of scoring and not every softballer, I am sure, does understand the jumble of figures conveyed little to most people. It's not like cricket scores, where you can tell at a glance how many runs a batsman has made. One doesn't necessarily have to be a cricketer to be able to understand quite a great deal of baseball in order to tell how a game went by the box-scores. Even as it is, some people are of the opinion that enough space is already being devoted by the local papers to the sport. One very keen cricketer was extremely disgruntled when the cricket scores on a recent Saturday were not printed in full the following day. "It's scandalous," he snorted. "Columns and columns of softball and only one column of cricket!" That's the worst part about upsetting an established practice! Usually there are three or four columns of cricket scores every Sunday morning.

Fillip To Game

IF anything was needed to fan the flame of interest sweeping over the Colony, the visit of the American girls provides it. These girls set a new standard of play in Hongkong with their splendid pitching and spectacular fielding. Before their exhibition at Caroline Hill, softball here was... well, it was just softball. But the visitors taught us how softball could be made to be played like baseball, and consequently with the new technique the game has succeeded up considerably, especially in the men's matches. While

local girls have not yet attained the same degree of proficiency which makes their matches really interesting to watch, some of the men's encounters now contain a great amount of skill. Indications are not lacking that the game has come to stay. This being so, every endeavour will be made in future to publish box-scores whenever space permits.

New Rules

THE game, it is reported from the United States, continues to alter its rules to make them more like the code of its big brother—baseball. Clarence E. Brewer, chair-man of the joint rules committee of the Amateur Softball Association, has announced that the only major change for 1939 will permit the scoring of runs on a wild pitch, passed ball or throw-back from the catcher to the pitcher. In the past runners have been forced to stay on third base on wild pitches, passed balls or throwbacks, although they could go from first to second or from second to third when these plays developed. Brewer says the latest move to make softball's rules similar to baseball was needed to help the offense in 1937 the sacrifice was voted into the softball rules.

Team For Saigon

APPEARING elsewhere in this issue are the names of four players selected to represent Hongkong in the Far Eastern tennis championships to be held at Saigon from January 7 to 14. As none of the four can be ranked within the first five in the Colony, the team cannot be said to be a representative one; but as most of the leading players either cannot obtain the necessary leave or are not keen to take part in the championships it is probably the best team we can send in the circumstances. When I spoke to him a fortnight ago, Tsui Yuen-pui was almost certain of being able to go to Saigon, but apparently he has changed his mind. His brother, Tsui Wai-pui, the Davis Cupper and Colony champion, will never at any time certain of being able to make the trip, and because of the uncertainty in his case all along, his declination of the invitation does not come as a surprise now. All the same it must have been a blow to the Hongkong L.T.A. that even with hotel expenses in Saigon and return passage guaranteed, a stronger side has not been available. To have our leading players pitted against men like Yvon Petra, who has won the Philippine stars would have done Colony tennis an immeasurable amount of good.

This Lou Nova

HIS ability to beat, and nearly knock out, Tommy Farr, stampos Lou Nova as a most promising fighter. A husky Californian, he believes in carols, beef juice and sugar, and the sober American cricketer who saw him knock out Gunner Baerlund believe he is more promising at the age of 25 than was Gene Tunney. And this is saying plenty! He is also somewhat of a Bombastes Furioso, if the story is true that, on entering his dressing-room before a fight, he snuffed the air, found it not to his liking, and said, "Give this room to my opponent." Whatever he hasn't got, the man certainly has nerve.

POPULAR MEMBER FAREWELLED

A. A. Aziz Leaving Colony On Sunday

Some 50 members of the Indian Recreation Club gathered together in the club-house at dinner last evening to say farewell to Mr. A. A. Aziz, one of their most popular sportsmen, who is leaving the Colony on Christmas Day. Mr. Aziz is returning to his native Malaya after a stay of more than ten years in Hongkong.

Mr. A. el Arculi, President of the Club, was in the chair and spoke of the many sterling qualities of Mr. Aziz, whom he described as one of the

Players Selected To Represent Colony

Four players have been selected to represent Hongkong at the Far Eastern tennis championships from January 7 to 14 at Saigon. They are: Tannie Kwok, Lai Kwong-tsun; Chan Chai-kung and Szeo Bick. The team will leave early in January.

most cheerful men he knew. The Club knew him well as a cricketer—has only just relinquished the captaincy of the Junior Eleven—but also in other forms of sport he was well-known not only in the community but also throughout the Colony.

Mr. Arculi expressed the regret of the members at Mr. Aziz's departure, especially as there was little possibility of his return in the near future, but he assured Mr. Aziz that if ever he did return there would always be a welcome for him at the Club (Applause). Mr. Arculi concluded by wishing Mr. Aziz good luck and prosperity in his new sphere of activity.

Mr. Aziz suitably replied, thanking the members for the honour they had done him and wishing them success in the Cricket League, which starts next month.



Miss Ann Taylor gave her partner, W. A. H. Duff, splendid support in the final of the Colony mixed doubles tennis championship against Comdr. Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths. —Photo by Jaffer.

M.C.C. PLAN 30-HOUR TEST MATCHES

FIVE-DAYS LIMIT IN GAMES IN ENGLAND

London, Nov. 23.

England wants standardised Test matches with Australia. Limit them to thirty hours is the idea. Forget about timeless Tests and all the other things which puzzle or irritate the enthusiast.

The Advisory County Cricket Committee think Tests would be better in this country if they consisted of five six-hour days. Australia could carry on with six five-hour days. The committee, meeting in London yesterday, decided to put the proposal before the Australian Board of Control.

It does not mean that thirty hours' cricket must be played if there is time lost by the weather. "This would be getting back to the timeless Test idea," said a prominent legislator last night. "If we had rain, that would mean so many hours of the thirty lost. All we want is to be on a par with Australia."

It's Australia's move now. Australia's tour in this country last season resulted in a profit of £42,000. Those counties which had the Tests (Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Middlesex and Surrey) and the M.C.C., each received £3,350. Other counties will receive £1,000 each. Each minor county and the universities will get £220.

An Australian writer, quoted by Reuters, anticipates a £23,000 share for Australia. Final figures will not be known until Manager W. H. Jeannes reports.

Worcestershire's proposal that every first-class county should have equal representation on the Board of Control was defeated.

REGISTRATION SCHEME

The Middlesex proposal that the registration scheme of county cricketers should be prepared for consideration of first-class counties was accepted. M.C.C. will choose a sub-committee to get on with the job. The Board of Control have decided that no Test trials will be played in 1939 or 1940.

The selection sub-committee, increased from three to four, including two first-class county captains, is to be continued on an experimental basis. Sir Pelham Warner is not seeking nomination again.

Two vacancies for trustees caused by the death of Lord Hawke and the retirement of Mr. A. J. Webb will be filled in the spring.

£42,000 PROFIT ON AUSTRALIAN TOUR Counties' Large Share

London, Nov. 23.

The net profit on the Australian tour in England last summer amounted approximately to £42,000, it was announced at the Board of Control meeting, also at Lord's.

Although not a record, the profit compares favourably with that of previous Australian visits to this country, and but for the washed-out Test at Manchester, where not a ball could be bowled, all past figures would have been beaten easily.

The distribution of profits was:

£3,350 to the M.C.C. and each county on whose ground Test matches were played.

£1,000 to each county on whose ground Test matches were not played.

£220 to each Minor County and University.

It is estimated that over a period of four years the counties who stage Test matches on their grounds have received an average of £1,400 per annum towards the cost of maintenance and improvements.

For next summer, when the West Indies will be in England, three Test matches of three days each have been arranged. The hours of play will be 11.30 to 6.30 on the first two days and 11 to 6.30 on the last day. The price of admission will be 2s.

The board decided that the new Selection Sub-Committee to be appointed next spring shall be constituted on the experimental basis of four members, including two county captains, as last year. It was announced that Sir Pelham Warner did not wish to seek nomination on the committee, and a hearty vote of thanks for his services and those of the other selectors was passed.

There will be no Test Trial matches in 1939 or 1940.

A resolution which received approval by the board was that in future, as often as can be arranged, the 12th man in Test matches should be a player on the staff of the club on whose ground the match is played, and the M.C.C. will definitely carry this out at Lord's. The reason is to lessen any handicap to the county teams.

Owing to the death of Lord Hawke and the retirement of Mr. A. G. Webb, who asked to be relieved at the end of the year, two new trustees will be appointed at the Spring Meeting.

Those present at the meeting were: Earl Baldwin (chairman), A. Sellers and J. H. Nash (Yorks), Sir

TEST TOUR CHANGES INDICATED

M.C.C. Secretary On Present-Day Bowling

London, Nov. 30.

Material changes in the programme of future Australian teams visiting this country were indicated by Lieut.-Colonel Rait-Kerr, secretary of the M.C.C., in a speech to county secretaries yesterday.

If the Australian Board of Control accepted the formula that Tests in England should be of five days' duration, it was obvious, remarked the M.C.C. secretary, that the Australians would not be able to carry out such an extended programme.

He did not, however, suggest the manner in which it would be curtailed. Colonel Rait-Kerr had something to say on the highly controversial subject of wickets. He could not find any evidence that wickets today were enormously different from what they were in 1910.

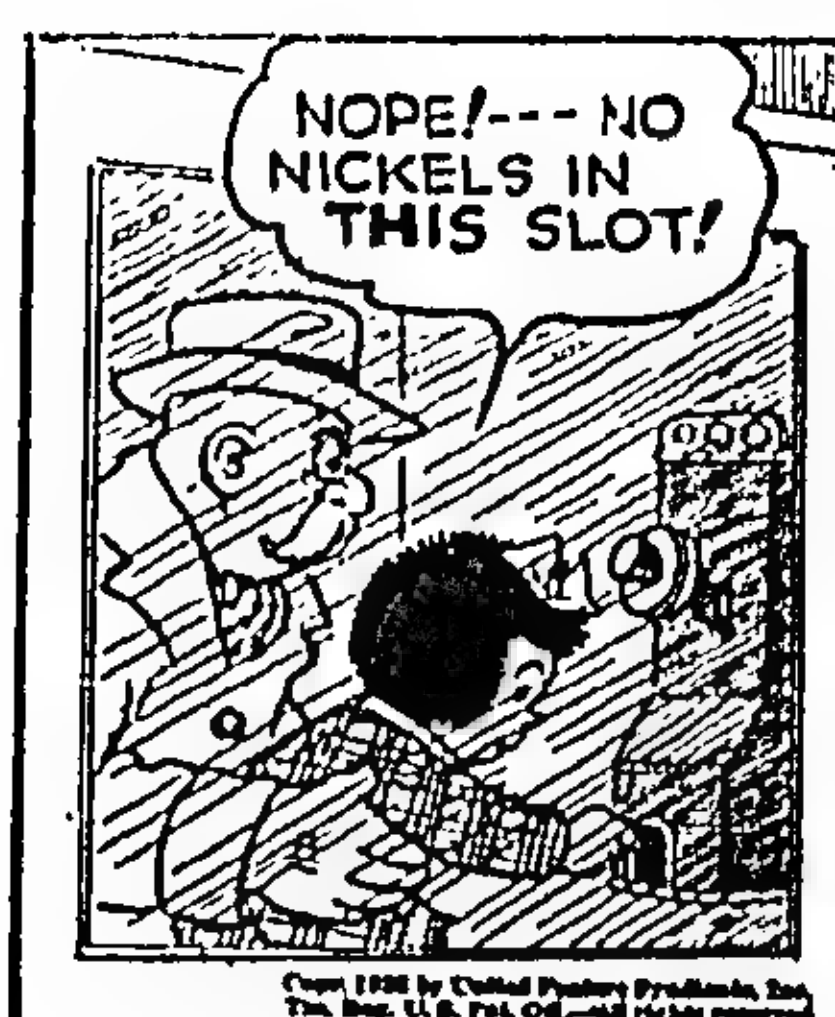
Various steps had been taken to help the bowler, yet as far as the game was concerned the bowling, satisfactory aspect was the bowling. He appealed to bowlers to pay greater attention to accuracy, and instanced the success of O'Reilly, whose greatness he maintained was due to his accuracy.

Boat Race Date

THE annual Inter-University Boat Race will take place over the historic Putney-to-Mortlake course on Saturday, April 1. The state of the tide on that day will necessitate a start from the University Stone at about 10.30 a.m.

Here's Luck!
EWO BEER

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Local Soccer Fixtures For The Week-End

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MATCHES ANNOUNCED

The following are the fixtures arranged by the Hongkong Football Association for to-day, to-morrow and the Christmas holidays.

TO-DAY

Junior Shield Replay
24th R.A. v. R.A.O.C. (Sookun-poo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Molyneux.

TO-MORROW

Third Division (A)
30th R.A. v. Sunley (Military, 4 p.m.). Referee: Walsh.
Third Division (B)
R.A.M.C. v. Stonecutters W/S. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Francis.

SATURDAY

First Division
Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 4 p.m.). Referee: Ip. Linemen: J. Somerville and Stone.
St. Joseph's v. Club (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.). Referee: Hooper. Linemen: McLaughlin and See Poonah.

Second Division
Middlesex v. South China (A) (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.). Referee: Finch. Linemen: Purnell and Wilson.
Police v. South China (B) (Boundary Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: H. Liff. Linemen: W. Somerville and Dove.

Navy v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.). Referee: Omar. Linemen: Wilken and Barretto.

Second Division

Police v. R.A.O.C. (Boundary Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Clark.
St. Joseph's v. Club (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Steadman.

Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Ottoway.
Middlesex v. South China (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: F. Sick.

5th R.A. v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Mac-Cormac.
Eastern v. R. Engineers (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Haveluar.

Third Division (A)

Royal Scots v. Electric (Military, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Silva.
South China v. R.A.S.C. (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee: Macdott.

Third Division (B)

R.E. (B) v. Signals (Chatham, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Demare.
R.A.F. v. Stonecutters (Prince Edward Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: McGilgrew.

Kowloon R. v. A.S.A. (Primer Edward Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: Wylie.

24th R.A. v. University (Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: Phillips.

Medicals v. Powhattan (Military, 4 p.m.). Referee: Aylwin.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

Sunday Herald Charity Cup (Semi-Final)
Portugal v. Ireland (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Ip. Linemen: Finch and Clark.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

Sunday Herald Charity Cup (1st Round)
China v. Scotland (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Omar. Linemen: Steadman and Ottoway.

Second Division

Kwong Wah v. R.A.O.C. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Gamlin.
South China v. Royal Scot. (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee: Edward.

Eastern v. 5th R.A. (Club, 4 p.m.). Referee: Brothwell.

Third Division (A)

South China v. 5th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Hartley.
R.A.S.C. v. K.R. Che (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Farr.

P.W.D. v. 30th R.A. (Club, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Waldron.

Third Division (B)

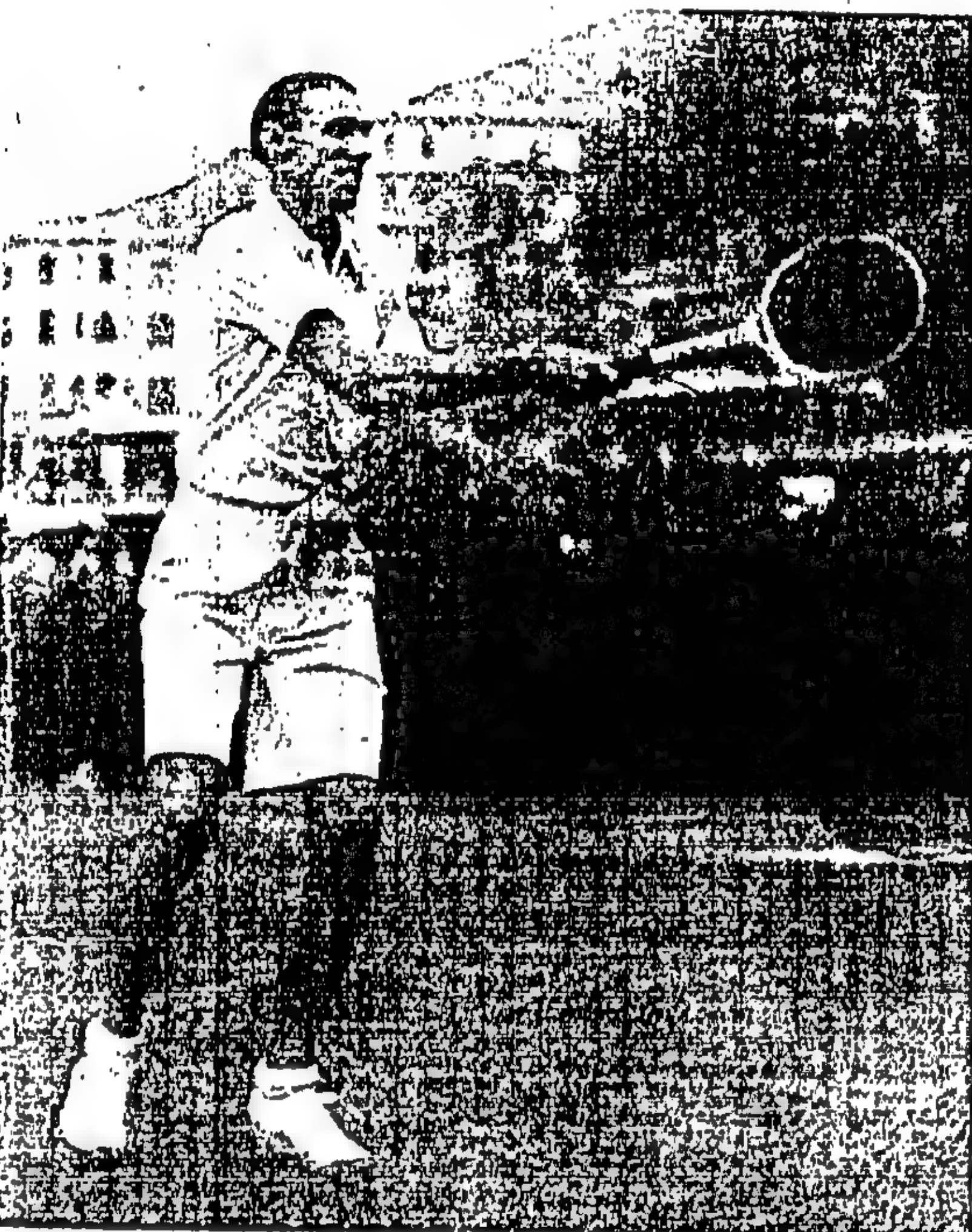
Stonecutters v. A.S.A. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Smith.
Medicals v. University (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.). Referee: Burgess.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

Junior Shield (3rd Round)
R.A.O.C. v. 24th R.A. v. Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Molyneux.

ESCOBAR BEATEN

Washington, Dec. 20.
In a 10-round bout to-night Al Mancini, 124 lb. of Providence, gained the decision over Sixto Escobar, 121 lb. of Puerto Rico. The fight was not for the title as Mancini failed by 14 oz. to make weight.—United Press.



Note the determined look on W. A. H. Duff's face as he smites the ball. Picture was taken at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday when Duff and Miss Taylor won the Colony mixed doubles tennis.—Photo by Jaffer.

NAVAL SAILING

Results Of Ah King Cup Series On Sunday

The following were the results of the 5th. race in the Ah King Cup series held on Sunday last: 1, Gina (Lieut. Edmonds); 2, Brum; 3, Lerry (Lieut. Edmonds).

Whiteruff (Lieut.-Comdr. Hall), Mary Ann II (Lieut. Farnshaw), Star (Lieut. Simpson), Latine (Squadron-Leader Meyrick), Dunlin (Lieut.-Comdr. Nicholls) and Cristina were other contestants.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—An honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier pastor, his self-sacrificing wife and their sincere-willed son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Eulalia Bandi, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Shirley Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counselor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor, has seen his "feeling" jockey in invention stolen and is persuaded by the servant that by not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support.

"Pride of the West" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Hopalong Cassidy, Clarence Mulford's famous character of the Western ranges, rides again in another thrilling story by the master of "Western" fiction. Bill Boyd again takes the role of the

Programme Arranged For Macao Racing

The following is the draft programme of events arranged for the January Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club for Sunday, January 21.

Szechuen Handicap. (1st. Section). For China ponies, Subscription points of this Club any season. Subscription Grifins of the Hongkong Jockey Club, barred. Nine furlongs.

N.D. One entry only will be made for the Szechuen Handicap. (Races 1 and 4) Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

Chinghai Handicap. (1st. Section). For China ponies, classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" class. Six furlongs.

N.D. One entry will be made for the Chinghai Handicap. (Races 2 and 5) Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

Kansu Handicap. For China ponies, classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" class. Half a mile.

Szechuen Handicap. (Second Section). For China ponies, Subscription points of this Club of any Season, Subscription Grifins of the Hongkong Jockey Club, barred. Nine furlongs.

Chinghai Handicap. (Second Section). For China ponies, classified by the Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" class. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed. Six furlongs.

Ladies Scurry. (Unofficial). A cup will be presented to the winning rider. Souvenirs will also be presented to the 2nd and 3rd placed riders. For China ponies belonging to the Kowloon Riding School. To be ridden by ladies at catch-weights. No whips or spurs allowed. Three furlongs. Entries close on Thursday, December 20, 1938.

HAPPY VALLEY ROUP

Local Ponies Sold Under Hammer At Jockey Club Paddock

A public roup, in which many well-known local racing ponies were sold under the hammer, was conducted by Mr. E. V. M. de Souza at the Jockey Club Paddock yesterday. The following were the purchases:

Kum Shan, no bid; China Pony, \$200. Mr. Neenan; Atomic Star, \$76. Mr. Lunson; Apollo, \$60. Mr. P. P. Botelho; Five Baiters, \$40. Mr. Tyro-white; Captain Blood, \$30. Miss B. Lord; China Pony, \$25. Mr. V. V. Needa; Emergency Call, \$200. Mr. L. A. Lewis; Acme, \$100. Mr. H. C. Chan; A Better Time, \$200. Mr. B. J. Crall; Easy Time, \$130. Mr. Tyro-white; Cape Comorin, \$200. Mr. Tyro-white; King's Bounty, \$120. Mr. N. L. White; Jungle Jim, \$20. Mr. S. W. Lee; Lanolai, Mr. Dobson; Split Hand, \$80. Mr. Tyro-white; Centre Forward, \$50. Mr. W. N. J. Pitt; Colorado Star, \$110. Mr. N. L. White; Charybdis, \$10. Miss J. O. 1039 Australian pony, \$95. Mr. L. B. Chao; Dark Hazard, \$25. Mr. W. Gregory; Double Finesse, withdrawn; Astrik, \$45. Mr. Pio, M. Pineda.

cowboy who likes to see the ends of Justice meet.

"Fire Over England" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Alexander Korda's splendid production returns. Well-made and good entertainment.

"Rascals" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—June Withers, another of the child-stars so common these days, romps through this picture in light-hearted fashion.

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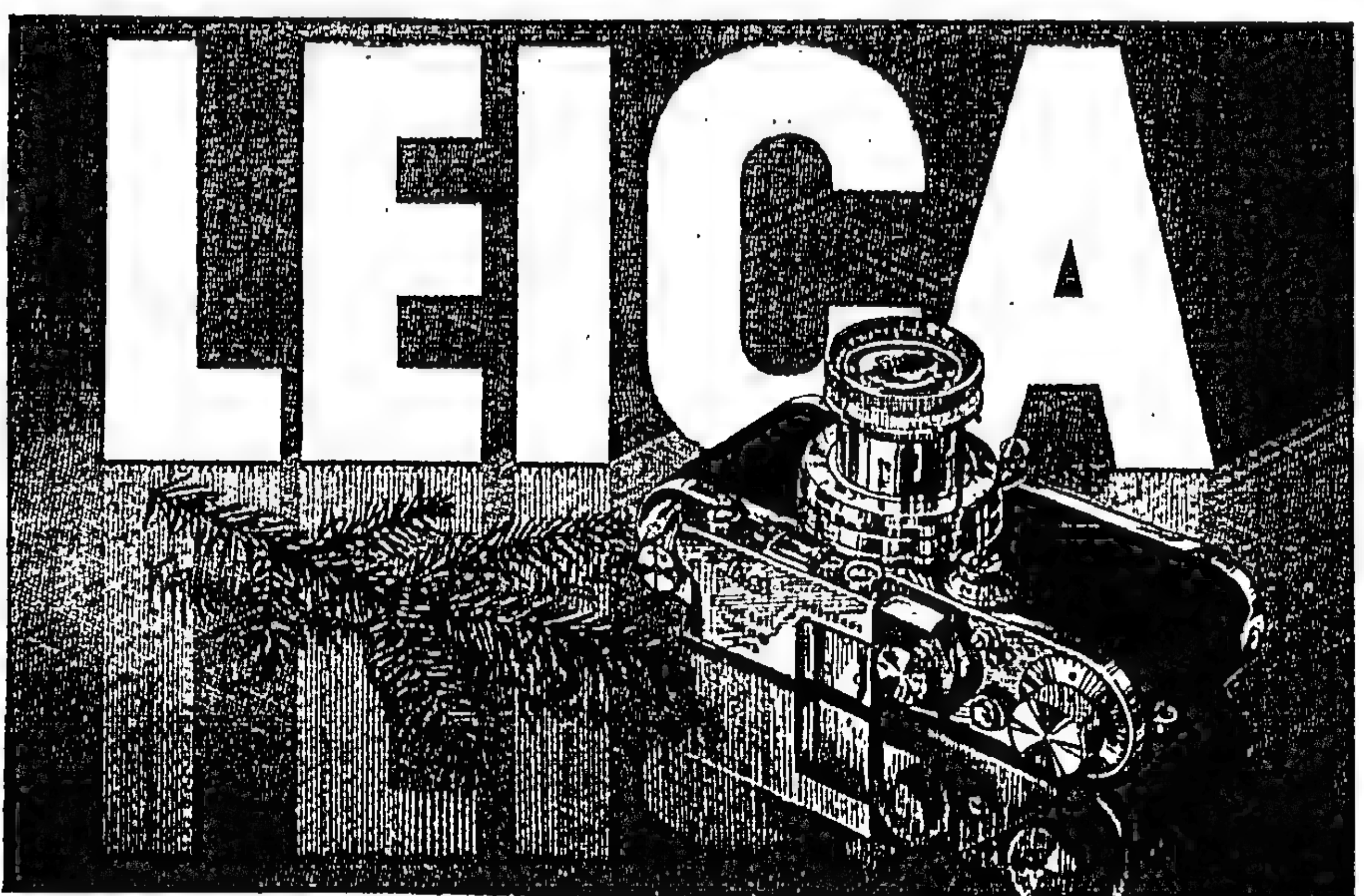


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SUPPER SWEETS

WHETHER you're having a party or just a few friends in for a quiet evening, these easy-to-eat sweets will be much appreciated.

Chocolate mould, for instance, is a sure favourite, especially if each guest has a small one made in an individual fancy shape.

It is made with 1 pint milk, 2 tablespoons cornflour, 2oz. sugar, 1oz. chocolate powder, or a grated penny bar, a few drops of vanilla essence.

Mix the cornflour and chocolate with a little of the cold milk to form a smooth paste, boil the remainder of the milk with the sugar, add the cornflour mixture, and continue to boil and stir for two minutes.

Stir in the vanilla essence, pour into a wet mould, and leave to set. Turn out and sprinkle with desiccated coconut or chopped almonds.

RECIPES FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

BEEF LOAF

1lb. minced beef, 1/2lb. fat bacon (minced), 1/2lb. breadcrumbs, 2 tomatoes, 1 egg.

MIX the meat and breadcrumbs well, skin and cut the tomatoes, and add them to the mixture, moisten with the egg.

Put the mixture into a stone jar and steam for about two hours. Serve cold with salad.

CHEESE AND PARSNIP SAVOURY

2lb. parsnips, 1/2lb. grated cheese, 1oz. butter or margarine, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoonful mixed mustard.

PREPARE the parsnips, cut into small pieces and boil in salted water until tender. Drain and mash with the cheese and butter or margarine.

Lastly, add the eggs, well beaten. Bake in a buttered pie dish in a brisk oven until nicely browned.

This makes a tasty hot dish. If preferred, it can be eaten cold with salad.

One-Minute Hint

PIPECLAY and water made into a paste will remove stains from wallpaper. Leave on for 24 hours and then brush off lightly.



Brother and sister go as Safety First and the Messenger of Peace. Two popular and topical figures.

Honey Fillings

A NUMBER of delicious fillings for sandwiches, spongecakes, and tarts can be made with honey as a basis. For example, it can be used with mashed banana, proportions as desired.

Honey and walnut sandwiches are a treat, particularly if malted bread is used.

Spread the honey on first, chop the walnuts finely, and sprinkle them over.

Honey mixed with ground almonds makes another good filling.

Ginger honey is particularly tasty in tarts and Victoria sandwiches. Add ten drops of essence of ginger and two ounces of chopped crystallized ginger to one pound of thick honey.

Improving The Colour Of Food

THE colour of rhubarb is improved and the syrup sweeter and richer if a few cubes of red jelly are added with the sugar.

A teaspoonful of lemon juice added to the cooking water improves the colour of boiled rice.

To make boiled white fish whiter, rub it over before cooking with a cut lemon.

To improve the colour of cakes of the Madeira variety, add a dessert-spoonful of golden syrup to the creamed butter and sugar.

Add the same quantity of black treacle to Dundee and plum cake mixtures.

Care With LIPSTICK

APPLY your lipstick with care and precision. One application of the indelible variety should be sufficient for a whole day provided it is put on correctly in the first place. Pay as much as you can for your lipstick and give yourself an extra minute or two for its application when you are getting ready for your daily round.

Try a new STUFFING for the TURKEY

ALTHOUGH sausage-meat stuffing is the most popular one for turkey, there are many other tasty stuffings which make a pleasant change and are neither difficult to prepare nor expensive.

Chestnut Stuffing

This is somewhat different from the usual one. Chop and mince 1/2lb. of lean veal and 1/2lb. of lean pork, put in a saucepan and, over a slow fire, with the turkey liver, and brown the mixture. Then add about 6oz. of chopped herbs, a pinch of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Blend with 1 or 2 whole mushrooms (when available), 1 egg, mix thoroughly and remove from the fire. Then add about 2 spoonfuls of parsley, and season with salt and pepper. Stir and simmer for about 10 minutes.

Chestnut Sauce

Put 1 1/2lb. of chestnuts in a saucepan, cover with cold water, and bring to the boil. Let them boil for 15 minutes. Then peel and skin them. Chop or mince the liver and brown put them in a saucepan with a small amount of butter, adding 3 or 4 handfuls of stick of shredded celery, 1 lump of bread previously soaked in milk or sugar, and cover with stock or water and well squeezed. Add 1 water. Bring to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Then rub them through a sieve, put salt and pepper.

Chestnut-Bacon Stuffing

Cook 1lb. of peeled and skinned chestnuts, as indicated in recipe for lean ham, and cook all in a little chestnut sauce, rub them through a sieve, season with herbs, salt and pepper, and mix with 1/2lb. of chopped chestnuts, 2oz. of breadcrumbs, a glassful of sherry.

FOODS MEN PREFER

OBSERVERS were asked recently to note what business men in restaurants choose for their midday meal. The favourite dishes turned out to be roast beef and two vegetables, fried fish and chips, and suet pudding.

Housewives, probably, will not be surprised at this result. Years of experience in "feeding the brute" have shown them that he distrusts innovations. Give a man something "dashing" in the vegetarian line instead of the roast joint he is expecting and he will demand, "What-ever is this?" Then he will either leave it or eat it with an air of martyrdom, according to how badly, or how well, he has been brought up!

Where some men are concerned it is not even necessary to produce something completely out of the ordinary to excite suspicion and disapproval.

One has only to cook a familiar food a new way. For example, a wife who took a lot of trouble to make a piece of steak more tasty than usual by adding a new sort of forcement was asked by an ungrateful husband, "Why on earth can't we have 'honest' meat?"

Women Like a Change

Women, on the whole, take more kindly to changes of diet. Forsaking the habits of our grandmothers, we have grape fruit, oranges, or bananas at breakfast time, and turn a disdainful eye on the man of the house consuming rashers of bacon and egg.

For lunch or dinner we welcome French dishes of the omelette and soufflé kind though we may not care to go to the trouble of preparing them when we eat at home, and generally we prefer light sweets.

At a women's college the caterers found that, even in winter, stewed fruit, fruit tarts, jellies, and similar dishes, were more popular than steamed puddings of the sweet variety. Steamed and baked sponge puddings, rice, and tapioca were moderately popular. Puddings of the bread variety nearly always "hung fire."

Tastes Agree

Here it seems the tastes of the sexes for once agree. At one of the men's colleges at an English University recently a one-night strike was held as a gesture of protest against the too-frequent appearance of queen's pudding, sometimes called "queen of puddings." Among puddings of its kind it surely deserves the title. It only on account of its puffy gold-brown-and-white "roof." But it appeals more to the eye, it seems, than to the modern palate.



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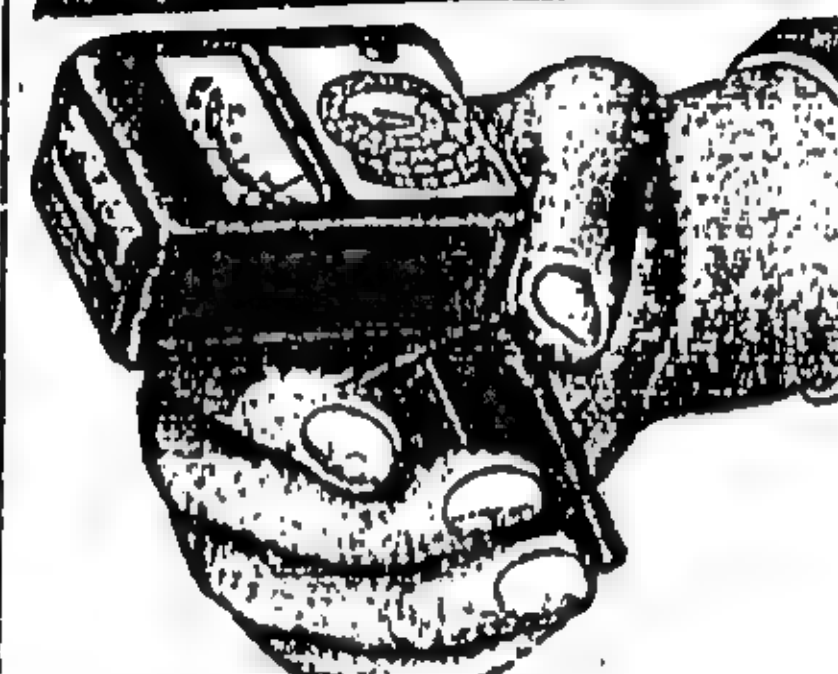


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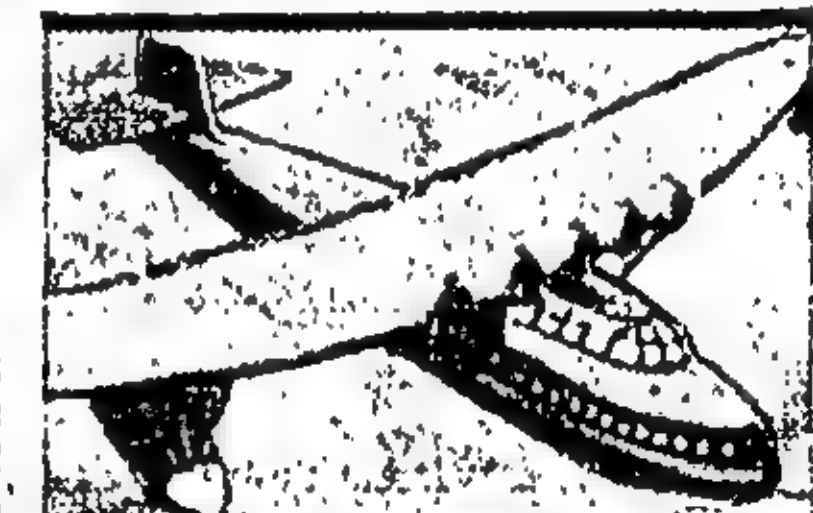
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HENRY Cotton, world's most famous golfer and "the man who never misses," took a shot in the dark—and still didn't miss.
He did it when putting on his first show in the Coliseum variety bill, which was also the first time in history that a golfer has appeared on the stage.

The shot in the dark was dramatic. The lights went down and Cotton vanished. All we could see were his shoes, pointed with luminous paint, his gloves similarly treated, the golf club and the ball.

THOUGHT HE'D MISS BALL

He swung away from the audience, driving the ball from a coconut mat into a back cloth 80 feet away at the rear of the stage.
The swinging club made a scarlet fan of light as it swept through the air, and the ball whizzed into the darkness beyond. It was easy to see the perfection of the stroke.

"A nasty moment," Cotton confessed in his dressing-room later. "After staring into the void limelight, I thought when they turned the lights out and I addressed the ball that I was going to miss it."

LONG SHOT COMES OFF

L. V. Manning writes: What were the odds against a professional golfer standing upon the Coliseum stage and holding a variety audience for a quarter of an hour's golf talk? To me, a hundred to one against. Cotton pulls off a long shot. Only those with throat irritation even coughed. It was a striking triumph of personality.

Cotton earns £300 for this week's engagement. He has been offered another week, but I understand he has refused.

His caddy, an Ashbridge product, who dropped three balls at the first house, was more nervous than Henry, who told me afterwards he had often had more nervous than a friendly game.

I was particularly interested, after recent events, to notice General Critchley in the audience at the second performance.

HOME OFFICE

'CRAMPING' A.R.P.

MORE than nine months ago the Home Office were invited to sponsor a special A.R.P. section at the Public Health Services Congress and Exhibition, which opened at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., recently.

It took them five months to reply and reject the proposition, although the galleries of the hall would have been at their disposal free of charge. They declined on the ground that they were too busy.

Thus they missed the opportunity of getting into personal contact with the hundreds of representatives of local authorities who will be visiting the exhibition during its five days' run.

AWAITING APPROVAL
Said one Midland official: "Since the crisis we have been inundated by pamphlets and memoranda from the Home Office stating what they think is our duty towards A.R.P."

"But they refuse to indicate how much of the expenditure they ask us to incur will rank for Government grant."

"I was in touch with a firm making eight trailer fire engines," said another. "They were exactly what we wanted, and were made, so were sent to Home Office specification, but they are still waiting approval."

The representative of a firm making fire-fighting apparatus said: "If we could get an order for thousands of the things we could cut the price considerably, but they ask us for 200, then later 100, or perhaps 50."

The President of the Board of Education, Earl De La Warr, speaking at the congress, said: "Fears have been expressed that the drive for re-arrangement may make necessary cuts in social services."

The Prime Minister has already stated that this is either the policy or the desire of the Government, but

of those lines of development on which there can be no let up the health of the future generation stands out above all.

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Shopkeepers Plan Own "Police"

RESIDENTS of Kenton, Middlesex, are discussing plans to form themselves into a protection corps to guard their homes in a fresh outbreak of burglaries in the district.

For more than a year burglars have been at work. Recently a fresh wave started and now residents are arranging that when ever they go out neighbourly will be called in to act as watchmen.

The thieves are believed to belong to one gang and to work with skeleton keys.

Mrs. C. S. de. of Moorhouse Road, Kenton Park, said: "Every penny of my housekeeping money was stolen although I was out of the house for a few minutes only."

Mrs. C. I-may, radio dealer, of Queens Circle Parade, Kenton, said: "Nearly every one of the 40 shops in this parade has been robbed not once but two or three times in the last year. We have to keep changing the locks on all our doors."

"The raiders are driving people out of the district and trade is suffering."

Baby's Fall From Train

Sat Between Rails In Tunnel

A Five mother was detained by Edinburgh City Police, recently, following the discovery of her 21-month-old baby on the main Edinburgh-Perth railway line at Inverkeithing.

The train, which is due at the Waverley Station at 7.28 p.m., was stopped by the pulling of the communication cord, and when the guard was investigating the cause, a young woman rushed up to him and shouted that her baby had fallen from the train.

Her appeals that a search should be made for the baby were promptly replied to by the railway officials.

From North Queensferry word was sent to Inverkeithing, the next station about the line, and the stationmaster there immediately arranged a search. Railway employees set out along the track and within a few minutes found the baby in the tunnel outside Inverkeithing.

A SLIGHT BRUISE

It was sitting up between the rails and the only injury it had received was a slight bruise above the right eye.

The stationmaster carried the child back to his own house where it was cared for by his wife overnight.

The railway police were communicated with, and it was decided to take the woman into custody. The train was met at Edinburgh by members of the Edinburgh City Police, and the woman was taken to police headquarters in the High Street, where she remained overnight.

The woman, it is understood, lives in lodgings in Rosyth. Before the baby was found in the tunnel, a train from Inverkeithing to Glasgow passed through. It is assumed that the baby instinctively crawled against the side of the tunnel.

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Their fathers are men of the Buffs, the Bedfordshires, the Hertfordshires, and the Hampshire, who have been left in India to be ready for duties in Palestine.

Forty of the children, whose ages range from two to ten, have never seen England before. They were born in India.

Special cots had been fitted in their mothers' bunks for the smaller children, and the ship was provisioned with special supplies of children's foods.

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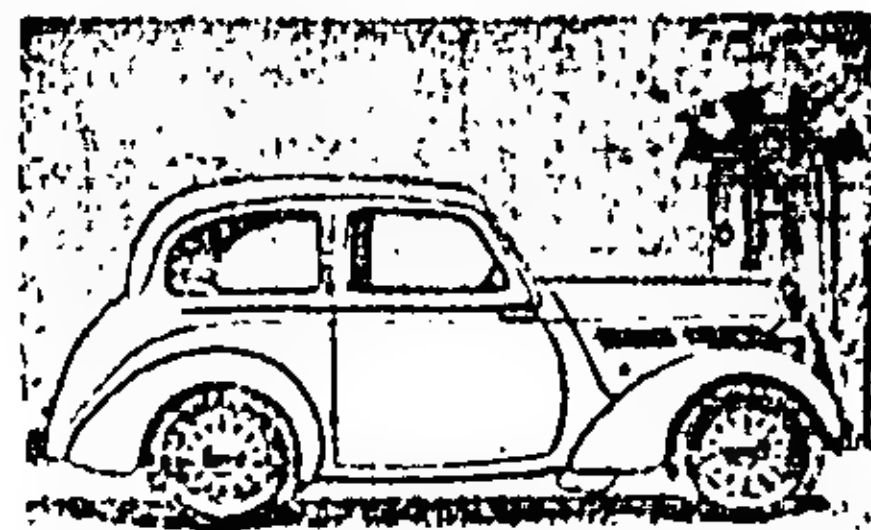
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FAITHFUL CHINESE SERVANTS BRING STRICKEN PRIEST TO H.K.

Victim of Paralysis Is Carried from Sheklung

HELPLESS WITH PARALYSIS, FATHER MANCINI, COURAGEOUS BELGIAN PRIEST IN CHARGE OF THE LEPROSARIUM IN SHEKLUNG, IS BEING BROUGHT TO HONGKONG BY FAITHFUL CHINESE PORTERS.

Sheklung is 35 miles from Canton, nearly sixty miles from the Hongkong frontier.

Along this hazardous route, infested with guerillas and bandits, Father Mancini is being brought to Hongkong on a stretcher, the only available means of transport.

The journey has already taken the party three days. The venerable Belgian priest lies absolutely helpless on his stretcher, his legs, arms and face completely paralysed.

Runners have brought details of the journey down the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the latest information being that the party, which started out from Sheklung three days ago, is about 25 miles from the border city of Shum Chun.

SNOWSTORM HALTS WAR IN SPAIN

Europe's Winter Blast
Rapidly Spreads

BURGOS, Dec. 20.

GENERAL FRANCO's headquarters reported to-day that all was quiet on the fronts. Violent snow storms with accompanying drifts had halted the thrust on the Catalonia front, where visibility was zero.

However, it was stated that the advance on all fronts would be resumed as soon as atmospheric conditions improved.

The Radio Nacional at Burgos to-day denounced mediation and truce rumours.

Loyalist circles announced to-day that a mine exploded in University City, destroying a network of insurgent machine-gun nests, and a system of trenches 100 metres long. The insurgent artillery retailed by shelling Madrid, and a combat ensued for a short time.

Deserters again reported growing defection with the insurgent ranks. —United Press.

HOLLAND CRIPPLED

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.

The extremely cold spell which has settled over Europe has badly crippled transport throughout Holland, which depends to a great extent on her waterways.

The Zuiderzee is frozen over, and communication with the islands of Terschelling and Ameland is maintained only by aeroplanes, since ice is not yet strong enough for traffic. Canal and river shipping is also interrupted with the result that many towns which are dependent upon water transportation are practically isolated. —Trans-Ocean.

H. K. U. Old Boy To Wed Saturday

The engagement is announced of Mr. Foo Eng Lin of Messrs. Henry

Waugh & Co. Ltd., Ipoh, F.M.S., late of the Hongkong University, and Miss Leong Chee Young, eldest daughter of Mr. Leong Siew Chee, of Ipoh.

The wedding will take place at the Registrar's Office on December 24 and will be followed by a reception at the New Celestial Dance Hall, Ipoh.

Prison For Fascist Who Incited Riots

Tunis, Dec. 20.

An Italian resident, who is the Fascist leader, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined 500 francs on a charge of inciting to riot. —Reuter Bulletin.

An ambulance is standing by at Sheungshui, six miles from the border.

It has been waiting there since Monday, and will proceed to the border as soon as news is brought that the priest and his faithful carriers are nearing the end of their journey.

Lepers from Hongkong, in addition to those from Kwangtung, are sent to the Sheklung leprosarium, where the unfortunates are tenderly cared for by Catholic priests and sisters.

When the Japanese occupied the city, the priests and sisters refused to abandon their charges.

The leprosarium, cut off from the outside world, ran short of food and medical supplies.

Soon conditions became desperate.

Ten days ago the climax was reached, when renegade Chinese troops looted and sacked the buildings. The looters took everything of value, including blankets, clothing and furniture.

Father Mancini and the French Mission sisters were not molested by the renegades, and immediately the looters desisted, they set about reorganising their charges.

Father Mancini was been despatched to the border, but repeatedly refused to leave his post.

Then, a week ago, he was stricken with paralysis. His condition became serious and the sisters decided that he must be removed to Hongkong at once.

Chinese employees at the leprosarium volunteered to carry the stricken priest to the British Colony, and set out on Sunday.

The Catholic sisters are remaining, along with 800 lepers, in Sheklung. Father Mancini has been at Sheklung ten years.

Czech-Hungarian Parleys Continue

Prague, Dec. 20.

Negotiations between Hungary and Czechoslovakia over the demarcation of the frontiers of the two countries have not been broken off.

The Slovak Government, however, has demanded this gesture as a protest against the grave frontier incident on the Hungarian-Slovak border, where Hungarian soldiers are said to have shot two Slovak frontier officials, and wounded one civilian.

The demarcation commission is continuing its labours, as the Prague Government considers the gesture suggested by the Slovak Government inopportune.

This does not, however, mean that Czechoslovakia has relinquished her demand for satisfaction. Czechoslovakia official quarters here expect that the Hungarian Government will take steps to prevent similar incidents in the future. —Trans-Ocean.

"Friend Of Macao" Leaves Colony

Macao, Dec. 20.

After 19 years' residence in Macao as English master in the Pedro Nolasco Commercial School, Mr. George Rayner left this afternoon for Hongkong.

Mr. Rayner has received an appointment as Senior Professor in the University of Hongkong, which is now in Kailang, near Chungking.

Mr. Rayner may well be called a "friend of Macao," having been extremely popular especially among the younger members of the various sections of the local community.

Present cadets of the British Civil Service as well as those who have already secured important governmental posts, will recall their close association with Mr. Rayner.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Rayner was President of the Macao Yiking Club from its inauguration, and has taken an interest in yachting.

Mr. Rayner was the guest at a dinner given by a number of his friends yesterday evening and many well-wishers gathered at the Steamboat Co.'s wharf to bid him farewell on his departure for Hongkong. —Our Own Correspondent.

Mystery Of A Diplomatic Valise

London, Dec. 20.

The mystery of a diplomatic valise (the nature of which is not disclosed) is revealed in an authoritative statement that a package containing incriminating matter was found by the Spanish frontier authorities at a frontier post, despatched from the British vice-consul at San Sebastian to the British Embassy at St. Jean de Luz.

A full investigation is being made by the authorities with the co-operation and full assistance of the British authorities on the spot.

Although Mr. Harold Goodman, the vice-consul at San Sebastian was himself carrying the package referred to, no suggestion is made in any quarter that he was otherwise in any way personally implicated in the incident. —Reuter.

RECORD BABY TOURIST LOOKS OVER HONGKONG

ELAINE WAALER, aged six months, of Copenhagen, is running up a record for sea travel.

When Elaine was a month old she and her mother were taken aboard the Danish freighter Hoegh Silverstar by her father, Skipper E. R. Waaler.

Elaine is shown above with her father. She has crossed the Atlantic four times, visited the United States and South America, and recently came to Hongkong and Manila.



DEATH OF LADY NORTHCOTE'S MOTHER

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that the "Telegraph" has to announce the death of Mrs. J. W. Adams, mother of Lady Northcote, who passed away in London on Monday after a long illness.

Mrs. Adams, who was 88 years of age, was the wife of the late Rev. J. W. Adams, v.c., sometime a Chaplain General to His Majesty's Forces and Chaplain to His Majesty King Edward VII.

It will be recalled that Lady Northcote left Hongkong on January 30 this year by Imperial Airways plane to visit her mother, whose illness then became serious.

Lady Northcote arrived in England in mid-January and remained away from Hongkong for four months, by which time her mother had shown remarkable signs of recovery.

Several engagements entered into by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote for the balance of this week have been cancelled in view of Lady Northcote's bereavement.

Lady Northcote will not be present at the wedding of Miss F. A. Dodwell and Mr. O. E. C. Martin. His Excellency the Governor will attend the wedding ceremony, but will not be present at the subsequent reception.

Lady Northcote will not be present at the performance of the pantomime "Cinderella" at the European Y.M.C.A. to-morrow night, and both His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will not be present at the St. Andrew's Society Ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday night.

Society Wedding at St. John's Cathedral To-day

A BRILLIANT SOCIETY WEDDING will be solemnised at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon when Miss Phoebe Anne Dodwell will become the bride of Mr. Oliver Egerton Christopher Martin.

The bride, who is well-known and popular in local society circles, is the eldest daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, of 301, The Peak, Hongkong, and of Welwyn, S. 14, 15.

Mr. Martin is the son of Lieut. Col. R. O. Martin, C.M.G., D.S.O., late of the Royal Artillery, and Mrs. Martin, of New Romney, Kent.

The Very Rev. Dean Wilson will officiate at the ceremony.

The bride will wear a smart gown of white and silver brocade and will carry a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

The Misses Diana, Patricia and Penelope Dodwell, Betty Fair and Peggy Humphreys, will be present as bridesmaids. They will wear white chiffon gowns.

Mrs. Dodwell, the bride's mother, will wear a stylish gown in burgundy velvet.

The Hon. Mr. Dodwell will give his daughter away, whilst the duties of best man will be undertaken by Mr. R. G. Gee.

The wedding reception will be held at the Hongkong Club.

Bruce Seen As New Australian Premier

London, Dec. 20.

The possibility that the Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. S. M. Bruce, may succeed Mr. Joseph A. Lyons as Prime Minister of Australia is expressed by the "Evening Standard" to-night.

Rumours of the impending resignation of Mr. Lyons are by no means new, and in view of the fact that before his appointment in

Nazis Concede U.S. Demands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

Eliminating one of the lesser points of friction between Germany and the United States, the German Charge d'Affaires has notified Mr. Sumner Welles, the Assistant Secretary of State, that all inheritance credits due to Americans on the estates of persons deceased in Germany would be transferred to the beneficiaries in full.

The Charge d'Affaires' call on Mr. Sumner Welles was the first U.S.-German direct diplomatic contact since the Ambassador, Dr. Dieckhoff left for Berlin in November.

It is regarded as the first German step to clarify some of the problems disturbing U.S.-German relations.

Diplomatic circles believe, however, that resumption of normal relations is not to be expected unless Germany replies satisfactorily and soon to both recent United States notes, the first seeking satisfaction on the Austrian debt question, and the second requiring assurances that there will be no discrimination against Americans in Germany on account of the race creed. —Reuter.

London, Dec. 20.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the temporary relaxations made on restrictions of foreign ending had been withdrawn. —Reuter.

STALEMATE IN WAR IN CHINA

Japanese Officers May Be Recalled

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.

QUARTERS CLOSE to Chinese military leaders foresee the possibility of Japanese army and navy officers in Central China being recalled owing to lack of progress made during the last six weeks.

Those mentioned are Lieut-General Hata and Vice-Admiral Oikawa.

It was stated that the changed international situation as a result of the American and British loans to China may force Japan to change her military strategy in China. —United Press

GENERALS CONFER

PEIPING, Dec. 20.

CHINESE POLITICAL circles aver that General Kila and General Doihara are now co-operating in a political programme which will make its bow following a conference of the united council on December 24, when "It is hoped that the Chukuchui," or National Salvation and Peace Society, will be inaugurated.

According to some circles, the Japanese military chiefs are contemplating trying to induce Wu Peifu to accept the presidency of the Society, but they have not yet started to negotiate with him.

Following a meeting of the United Council, a representative of the council said that the Society would be inaugurated probably about the close of the year with the aim of planning a new Governmental form in accordance with Japanese decisions.

Reputedly reliable Japanese sources state that a peace movement is being pushed at the instigation of a large group of Japanese, who are anxious to know when the war will be ended, and also what the Government is doing to achieve this end.

According to this Japanese source, the group, which mainly comprises big business men, threatened non-payment of the new taxes should the Government not push peace plans.

It is said that the Japanese military authorities are doing their utmost to dissolve the group, but non-military Government circles fear that both repression and over-indulgence is likely to lead to difficulties.

Meanwhile, peace propaganda, with an anti-foreign trend, is continuing (Continued on Page 4.)

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PLUMP GIRLS, SHUN WHITE & LOOK YOUR BEST

OVER-PLUMP women should avoid wearing white frocks; all women should avoid black or dark wedding dresses.

And remember no matter how beautiful a pattern may be, a dress will be spoiled if it is not finished properly.

These hints were given by fashion school teachers, when the hearing was resumed at Westminster County Court recently of a student's claim for the return of £50 fees paid to the Reville School of Fashion, Ltd., St. George's House, Hanover-square, W.

At the previous hearing, the student, Miss Cecile Pretorius, of Queen's-way, Bayswater, W., said she went to the school for instruction in colour—the suitability of colours for various types of women—and fabrics. She alleged that she was taught only fashion drawing and dressmaking.

The school denied that Miss Pretorius asked for special instruction in colour and fabrics.

Mr. Ernest Leonard Hollis, director and general manager of the school, questioned by Mr. Norman Wiggins, for the school, said such instruction was separable from instruction in fashion drawing and dressmaking.

"If students want instruction in these subjects only in detail, it would mean a four-years course at a university," he added.

Answering Mr. G. G. Baker (for Miss Pretorius), Mr. Hollis said there were five women instructors for about 45 students, each one of whom was given individual teaching.

Miss Bertha Beatrice Barbara Broome, chief instructor in fashion drawing and designing, declared that students were taught the suitability of garments to various occasions and the suitability of colours.

Asked if the age and suitability of women to wear certain colours were dealt with, Miss Broome replied: "Yes, but, of course, you can't say a fat woman must not wear white. If she wants to she will."

PAINTING TAUGHT

Mr. Wiggins: Can you design a dress apart from its colour?—You can, but you must visualise the dress before you design it. You must have some idea of what colour you want.

Cross-examined by Mr. Baker, Miss Broome said the school taught the girls to paint and draw.

The reference to the importance in the finishing of frocks was made by Mrs. Muriel Sturges, dressmaking instructor.

Judgment was awarded to the Reville School of Fashion, with costs.

The judge said he was of the opinion that the woman gave up the case because of her financial position.

"I hold," he added, "that Miss Pretorius has not shown she has not received tuition in colour and fabrics. I am satisfied that tuition was given in those subjects."

Miss Pretorius, he declared, had not, he was sure, said anything that she did not believe was true, but he had to accept the evidence for the school.

Fifty-Foot Fall Lucky

Joggins, N. S. Ernest Ryan fell down a 50-foot cliff here and was only slightly injured. He landed on a pile of sand, a few inches from a pile of jagged rocks.

NAZIBAGS WILL BE LIKE THIS

GERMAN trousers will bag at the knees during the next few years.

This was the verdict of Bradford woolen merchants when they heard that Dr. Schiecht, Hitler's economic dictator, had cornered the South African wool market.

But the wool that Germany is buying from South Africa is only a fraction of the supply she needs. To spread it out German manufacturers mix it with synthetic fibres.

Twenty-four hours' rest is all that is needed for trousers to recover their "hang" when the cloth is of good quality. But that dodge is useless to the Germans.

However much they may rest their wool-and-art-silk pants, they cannot get rid of their baggy knees.

Saw Fiancee Leap To Death

After quarrelling with her sweetheart, 21-years-old Matilda Tannet, of Kemsley House, Long-lane, Bermondsey, dashed from his side, threw herself under a lorry, and was killed.

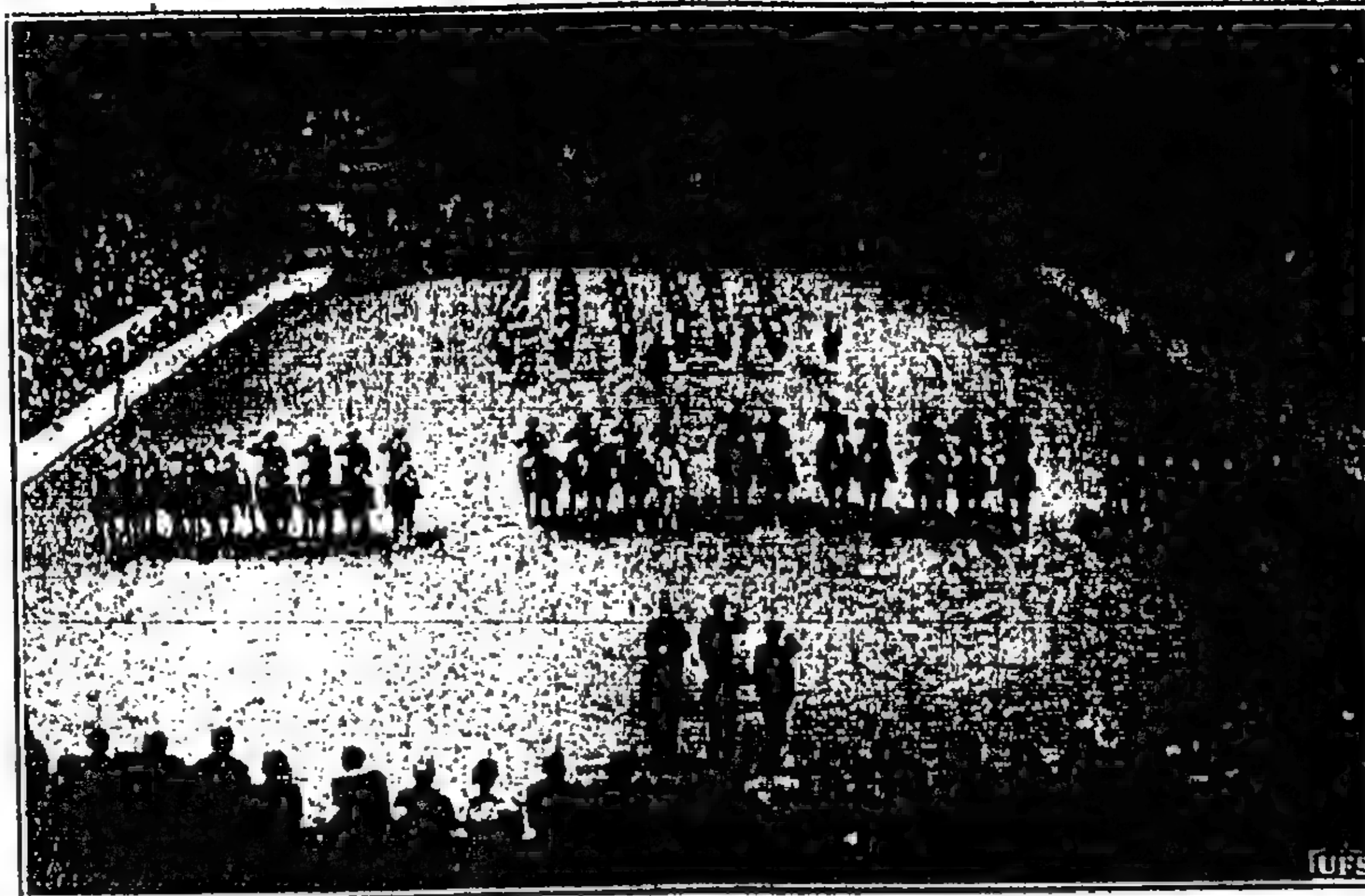
At the inquest at Southwark recently the jury returned a verdict of Suicide while the Balance of her Mind was Disturbed, and added: "We think the conduct of the young man is such as to be reproached by every right-minded person."

P. C. William Smith said that at about 11 p.m. on November 9 he heard a young man and woman quarrelling in Long-lane. The man was using obscene language.

Charles George Richardson, aged 26, of Summer-street, Southwark, said that he had known Miss Tannet for 13 weeks and had seen her every day.

The Coroner (Mr. Douglas Cowburn): What were you quarrelling about?—About going home. She did not want to go home.

I put it to you that you were having a very violent quarrel before this happened?—It wasn't a violent quarrel: it was just about going home. Mr. Cowburn: People do not commit suicide just because they do not want to go home.



International military teams line up at the opening of the National Horse Show, Madison Square Garden, New York, as Major General John K. Herr, chief of cavalry, foreground, receives the salute. Left to right the teams are: Chile, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, Ireland and United States Army. Society turned out en masse at the show.

EX-SAILOR TOOK ROPE'S END TO SEEK DAUGHTERS

CHASTISEMENT with a rope's end is not too severe a corrective for wayward children, in the view of an ex-Navy man whose two daughters, aged 16 and 15, appeared at Caxton Hall juvenile court recently as needing protection.

When the man admitted that he had carried a rope's end as he searched the streets for the girls, the Hon. Lily Montagu suggested that chastisement was not the way to bring out the best in a child.

He replied: "The whole blame for juvenile crime is the law. The law encourages it for the simple reason that the children know the law gives them every protection."

"If only parents were allowed to chastise their children in the old-fashioned manner, you would not have so many remand homes, I am positive."

HEADSTRONG

The father said that his younger daughter was headstrong, high-spirited and out for adventure. Three or four times she had left home, on one occasion for over two weeks. One night he found her in a Soho night club.

"Both my girls are in the same circumstances," he added. "A few months ago they got into bad company. They thought they could stay out until midnight. I would not put up with it. Many a time I have gone round the streets with a rope's end."

The Clerk: Have you struck the 15-year-old girl with a rope's end?

ONE OR TWO STRIPES

The father: I have given her one or two stripes. I took that attitude

HAPPY ENDING

Radiant with happiness, Britain's "unluckiest couple," Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Thacker, began their honeymoon in a cottage home provided by friends and villagers at Shipham, Norfolk, recently.

A week before 23-year-old Sidney Thacker and pretty Eva Green (19) cycled together to Dereham to buy furniture for their new home. When they arrived Sidney found his wallet, with his savings of £55 10s, was missing.

After a vain search along the road until after dark Sidney, because he could not keep his promise to give Eva "a home to be proud of," was going to call the wedding off until he had saved up again from his £28-a-week wages as a head cowman.

But the villagers of his own village, East Bradenham, would not let him. They brought out their spare furniture or subscribed money towards the new home.

Later Eva, in white satin, with three bridesmaids, was married in Cranworth Church to Sidney. "We did not know we had so many friends," they said.

Duck Affair Costly

Seattle, Wash.

Vernon Polier, 23-year-old sailor, found it impossible to duck a duck fine for shooting a duck out of season. The duck was only a two-pound affair and the fine was at the rate of \$50 a pound. Worse yet, he did not even get the duck.

Mine Whistle Saves Time

Kalgoorlie, Australia.

The Chamber of Commerce is saving thousands of dollars annually to mining companies by installation of a \$2,000 steam whistle capable of signalling the time throughout the entire Boulder mining region. Because the town clock was affected by weather vagaries, thousands of miners frequently missed their shifts, entailing heavy decreases in the output of the mines.



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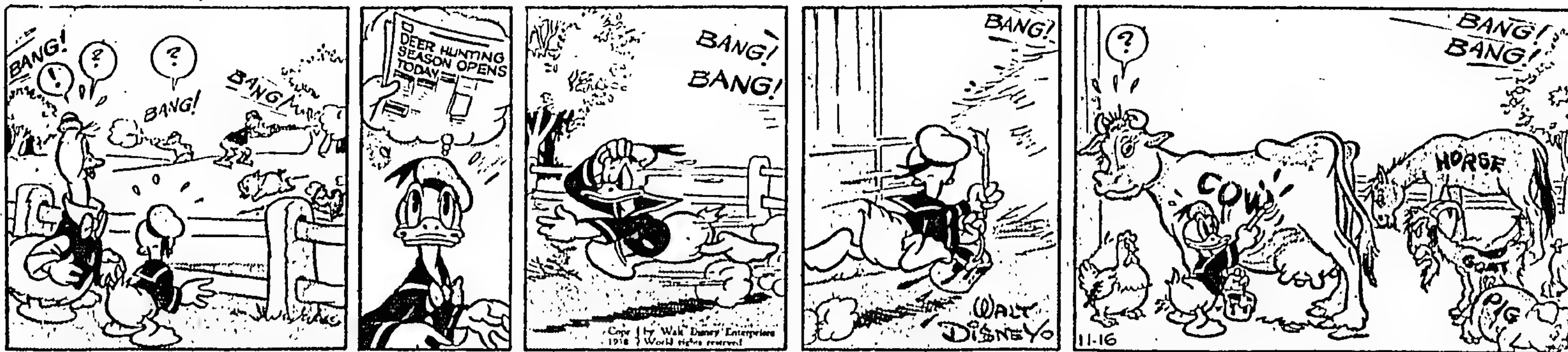
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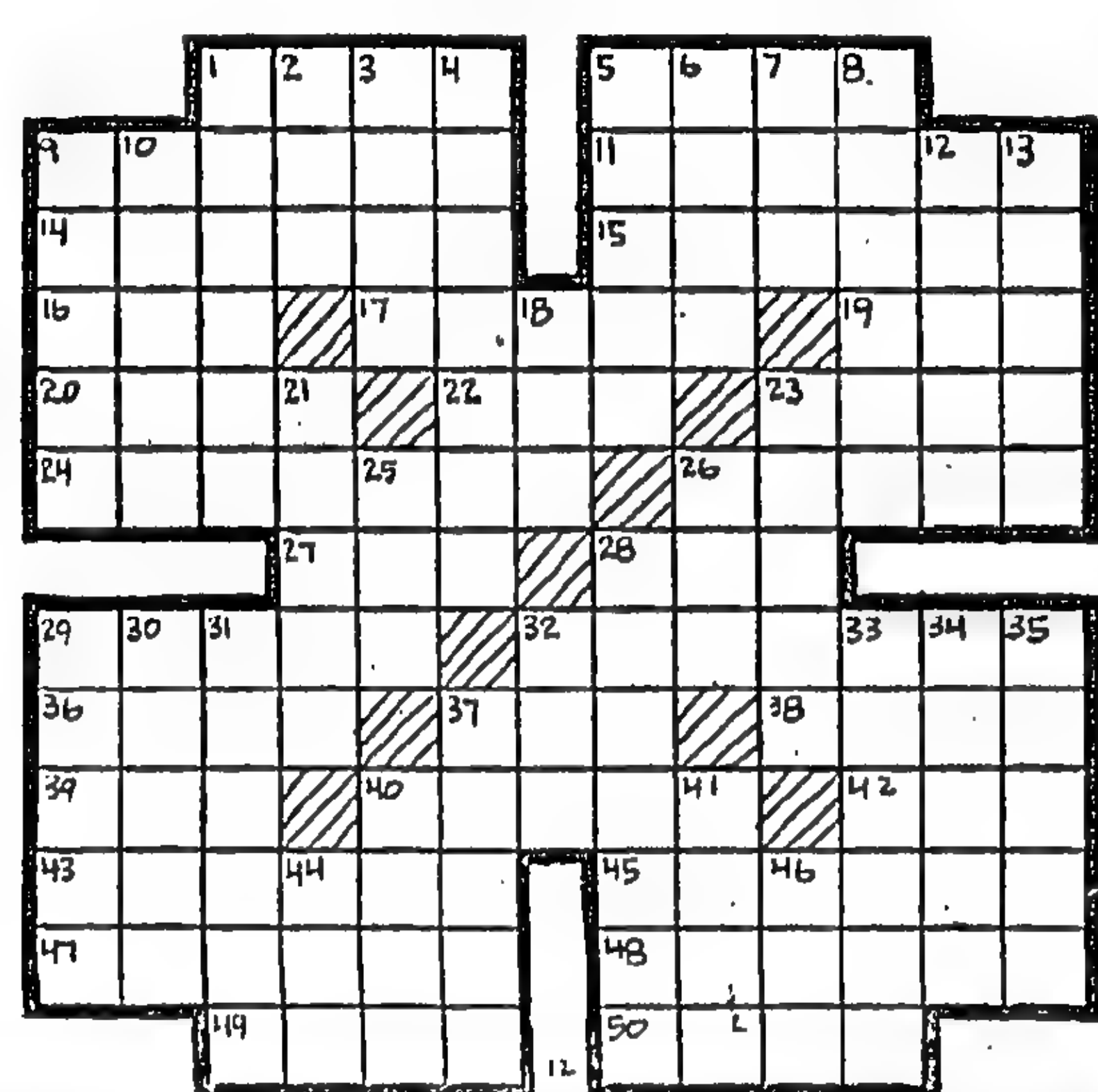
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O Peaceful England (from "Merrie England"—German); Serenade (Bruga).... Essie Ackland with Orchestra; Sweet Melody Of Night (film "Give us this Night"); My Love And I (film "Give us this Night"); Webster Booth with Orchestra; Sanctuary (Hewitt).... Essie Ackland with Organ accompaniment by Herbert Dawson.9.0 London Relay—Empire Exchange.
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9.15 Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
Silver Trumpets—Grand Processional March (Viviani-arr. Godfrey); The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel-arr. Winterbottom); Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel).... conducted by Capt. George Miller.9.30 London Relay—The News.
9.50 New Variety.
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Popular H.K. Girl Weds In Singapore

Miss Ronnie Allon-Mr. A. E. Pilgrims

Following the example set by her sister, Ena, Miss Veronica Catherine Allon, popular Hongkong-born girl, has gone to Singapore to be married.

Miss Allon, the youngest daughter of Mr. D. J. Allen of Lincoln, England, and the late Mrs. Allen, and sister of Gladys and Laurie Allen, also well-known in Hongkong, was married yesterday at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, to Mr. Albert Edward Pilgrims, son of Mrs. M. E. Pilgrims of Nice, France. Mr. Pilgrims is a member of the staff of Thos. Cook and Son, Singapore, and also President of the Singapore branch of the Cosmo Club.

Father Maurey performed the ceremony, and Miss Allon, who was dressed in a white tulle gown, a copy of a Chanel model, with a French tulle veil, and a headdress of orange blossoms, made by "Diana" of Hongkong, was attended by a matron of honour, Mrs. A. Chettle. Mr. A. Chettle, Singapore manager of Thos. Cook and Son, gave away the bride.

The reception was held at the Adelphi Hotel, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrims left for Java, where the honeymoon is being spent. Mrs. Pilgrims' going-away dress was a white sharkskin suit, with navy blue and navy tulle off-the-face hat, white shoes and gloves.

An interesting feature of the wedding was that the bride's sister Ena, was able to fly from Java to Singapore for the occasion.

Giant Lost In City

Seventy-six-year-old Paul van der Merwe, of Kimberley, was found in a suburb of Capetown after having been missing for four days. It should have been easy to find—he is 6 feet 9 inches in height.

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Offered at \$1.25 it is a very useful booklet, especially for sending away to those who, perhaps, have not been in a position to obtain a very accurate idea of the real state of affairs in Canton and Shamen during October last.

Divorcee Writes News Release

San Francisco.
Pretty blonde Mrs. Kathleen Walker believes in handling her own press relations. When she was handed down an interlocutory divorce decree, she immediately handed to reporters a typewritten statement of the whole story. Her principal complaint was that her husband, as a service station attendant, had too much occasion to meet the most beautiful women in the world.

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ARMED ROBBERY

Two Chinese Sentenced At the Sessions

An armed robbery in Ngau Chi Wan Village on November 22 had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when two men and a woman were charged before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell.
The first accused, Yiu Yau, 34, was charged with having taken part in the crime, and Tsung Fo, 30, and Leung Kam, 45, with receiving stolen property.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and the following comprised the Jury: Messrs. D. Buchanan (Foreman), Au Wal-suen, Lee Wal-cheong, Chan Shu-chiu, A. M. Xavier, E. R. Walsh and H. F. Jason.

According to Mr. Whyatt, Young To-sung, his wife and six children were in an unnumbered house in Ngau Chi Wan Village about 6 p.m. on November 22 when four men, three armed with revolvers, entered and held them up. The robbers ransacked the place and took away \$400 in money and a quantity of jewellery.

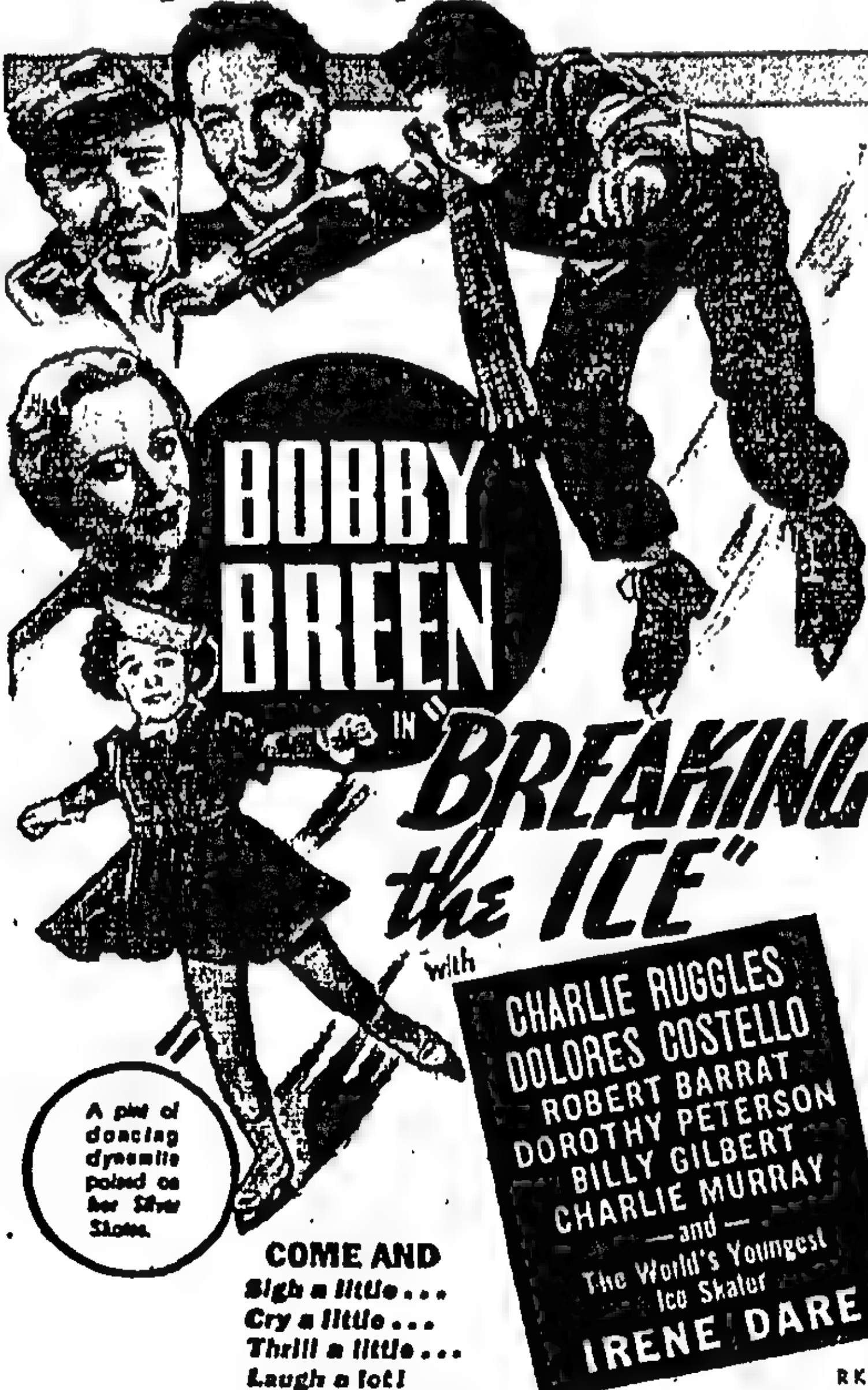
As a result of information, first and second accused were arrested in a tenhouse, and some of the stolen property was found on their person. Later, the first accused took the police to his house in Mok Min Hau Village, where the third prisoner was arrested.

First and third prisoners were found guilty, and sentenced to four and two years' hard labour, respectively.

The case against the second was adjourned until this afternoon for him to call a witness.

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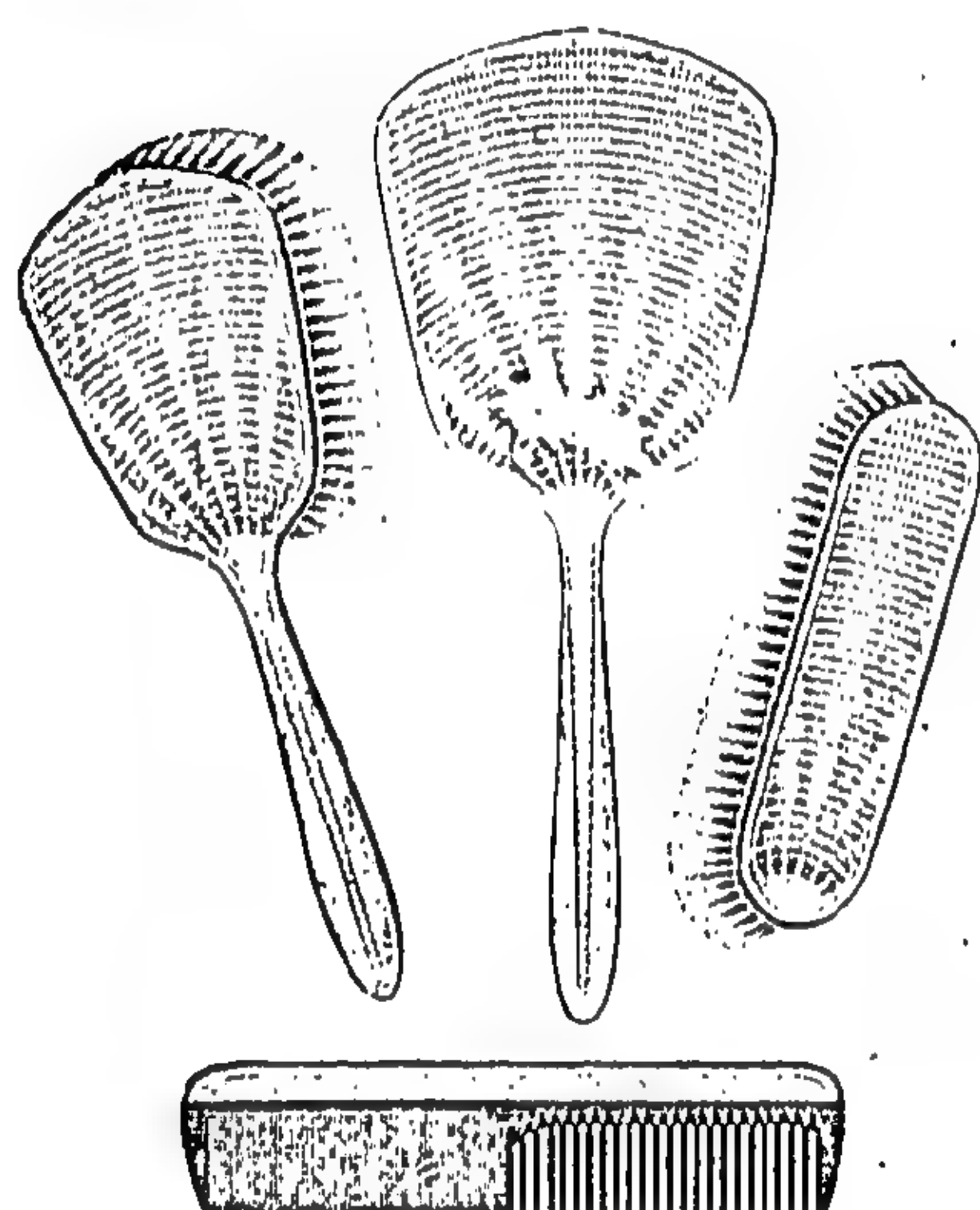
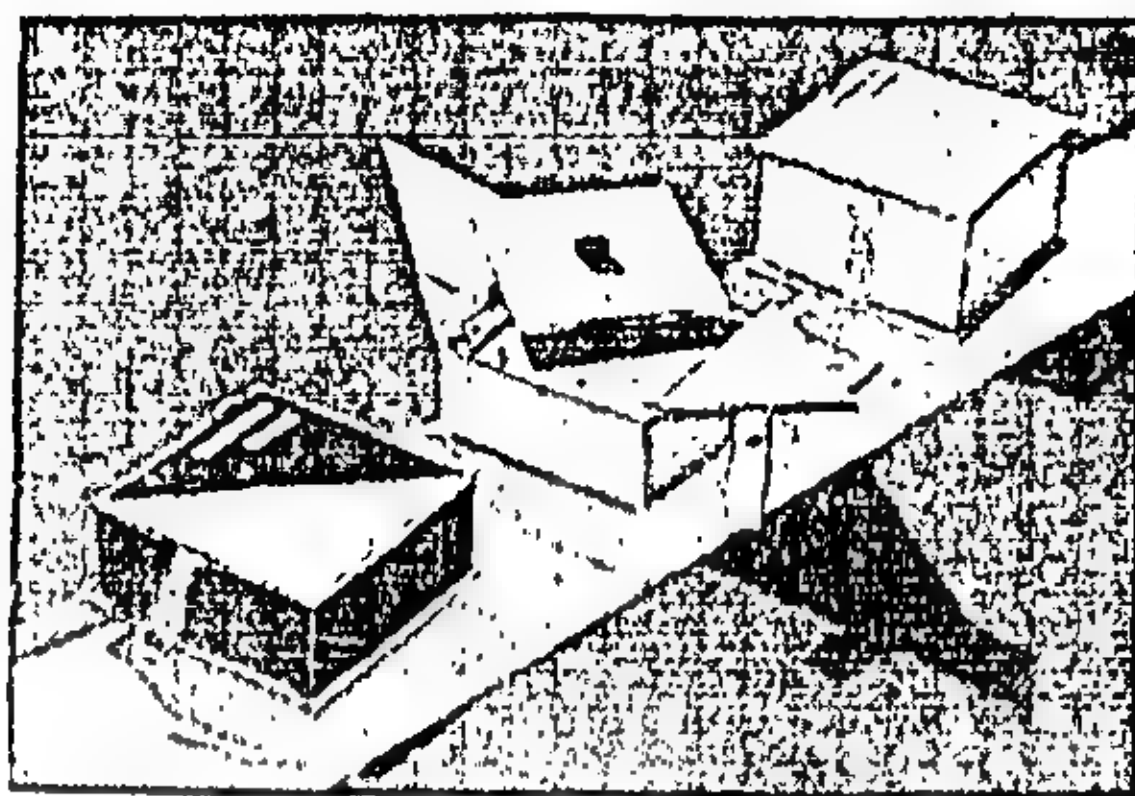
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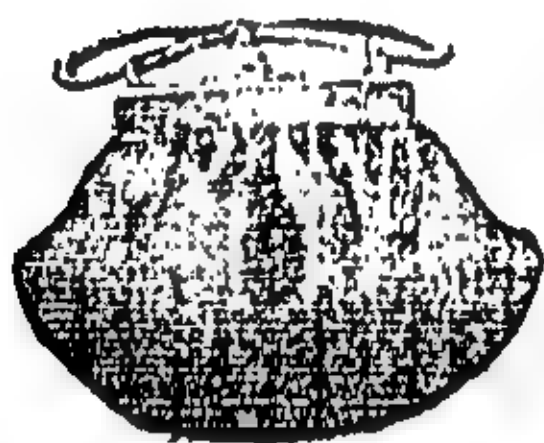


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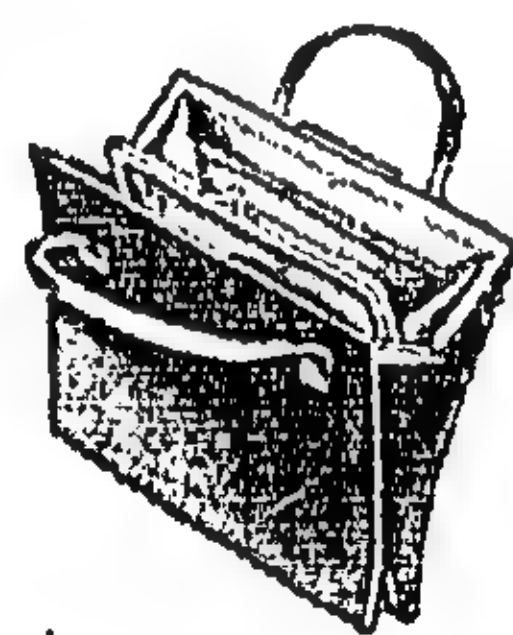


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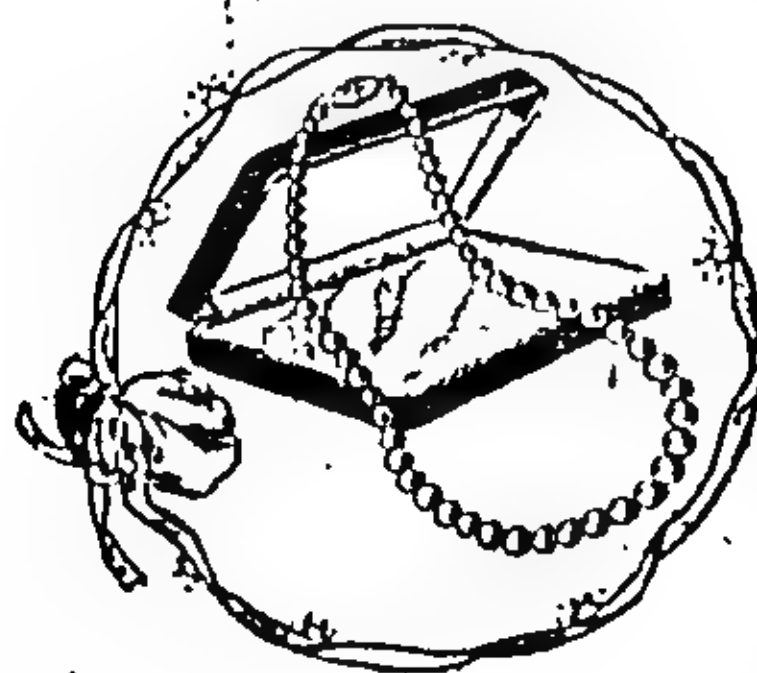
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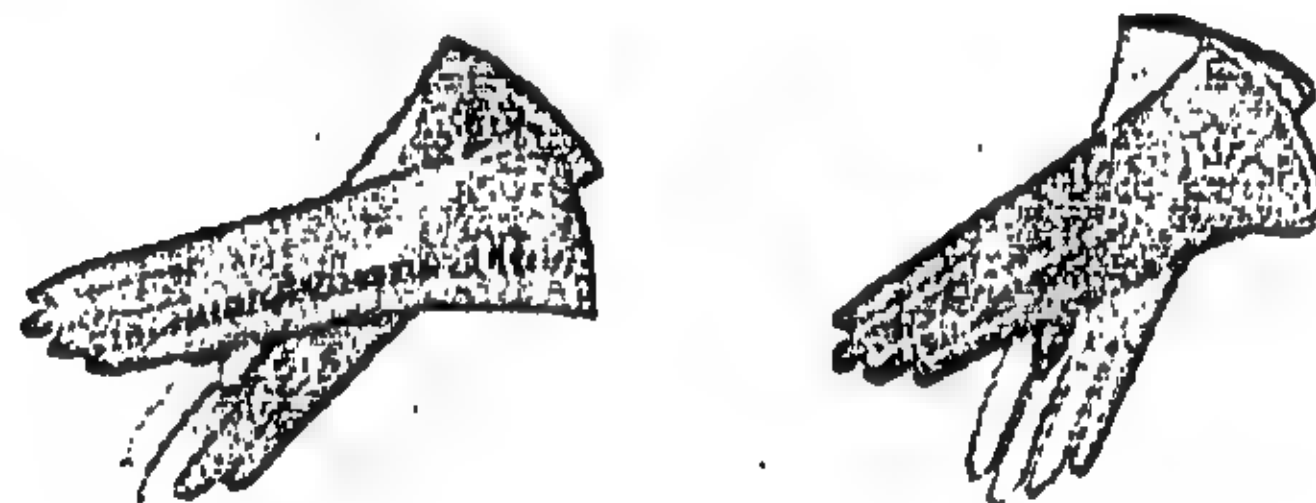
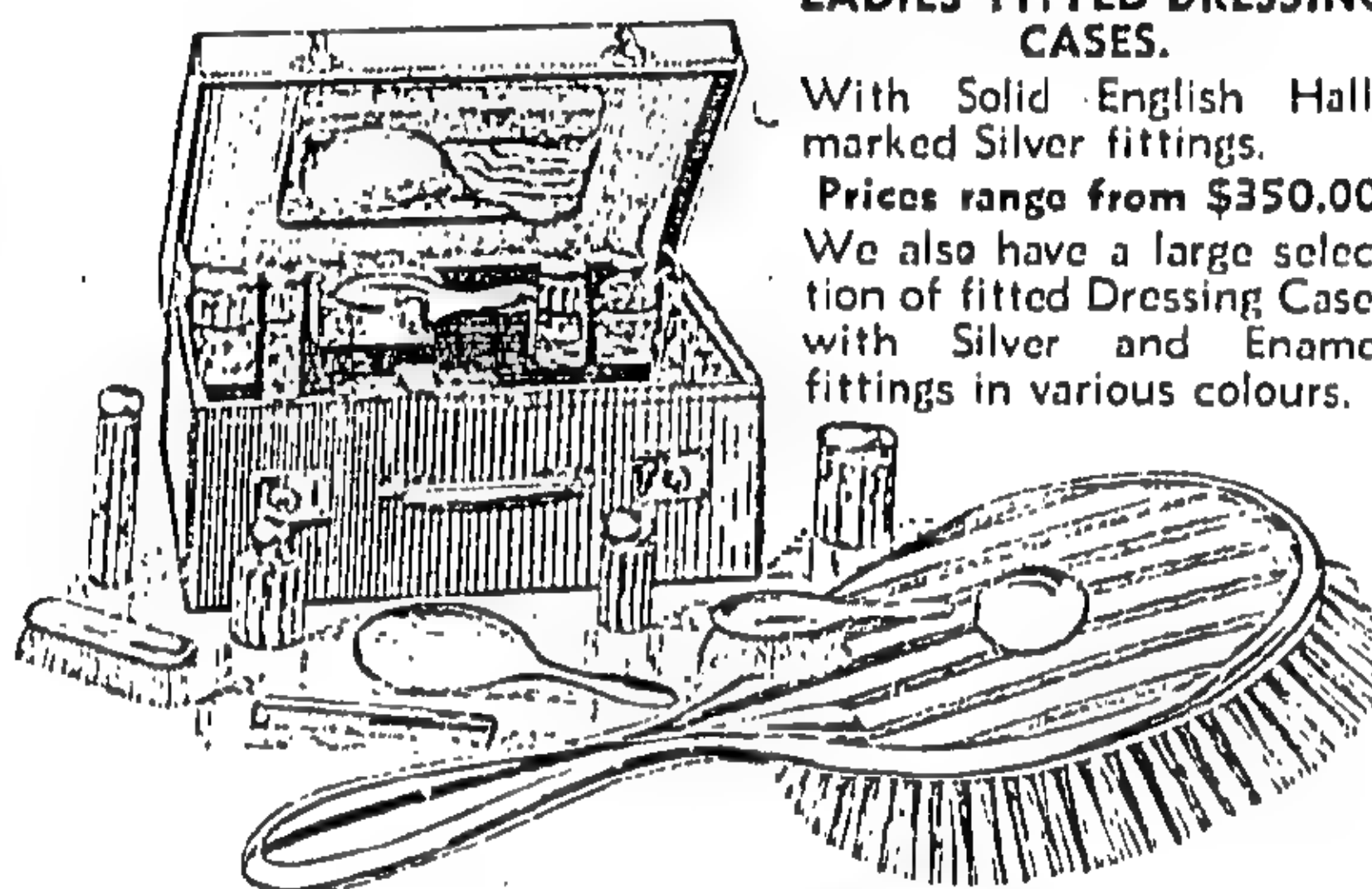
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HEROIN DIVANS

Action Taken Against Principal Tenant

One of the first cases under the Ordinance passed this year to suppress heroin divans, by penalizing those who knowingly let or sub-let premises for that purpose, was concluded before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when a 39-year-old widow, Ho Wah-hing, was fined \$500, or six months' hard labour, for permitting her flat at Hing Loong Street to be used as a heroin divan on December 6.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendant, while Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens prosecuted.

The case was adjourned from Monday, as Ho had stated that she was not the principal tenant. Yesterday, evidence was given by Hong Kin-ye, a fold of the Fat Hong Banking Corporation, who said they collected the rent from Ho. The owner of the house was Yeung Shi, who resided in Macao.

In giving his decision, Mr. Houston stated:

My remarks are principally addressed to principal tenants who live on the premises they sub-let. They cannot conceivably plead ignorance to what is going on beneath their noses. Unless they take effective action to suppress a divan on their premises, I intend to impose the maximum penalty, viz. 12 months' hard labour, and \$2,500 or another six months, on each case.

The actions they must take to protect themselves are either:

Give notice to quit to the keeper of the divan warning him immediately to stop keeping the premises as a divan. Giving notice is no protection unless the premises actually cease to be kept as a heroin divan.

If the keeper refuses to leave or close his heroin divan, recourse must be had to the following: so immediately to a police station and inform a responsible European officer about the heroin divan. Further steps will be taken by the police to close the divan, but no action whatsoever will be taken against the principal tenant.

In all cases, I recommend the second procedure. Full protection will be given and the name of the informant will not be disclosed to anyone, not even to this Court.

I again wish to reiterate my warning that I shall impose the maximum penalty. I have pointed out the means of self-protection for principal tenants. If they do not avail themselves of it they have only themselves to blame when they face a year's hard labour.

BATCH OF DEFENDANTS

Heavy terms of imprisonment and fines were imposed on drug traffickers by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Revenue Officer Warden prosecuted.

A total of \$195 in fines, in default five and a half months, was imposed on Ng Pat of 1001, Canton Road, for possession of prepared opium, heroin pills, paraphernalia for smoking purposes, and for keeping an opium divan. On a further charge of keeping a heroin divan, he was sentenced to six months without the option.

Tam Man, of 1003, Canton Road, was fined a total of \$130 on two counts of keeping an opium divan and unlawful possession of prepared opium. On additional charges of possession of 336 heroin pills and heroin pipes, he was fined a total of \$500 or seven and a half months.

For keeping a heroin divan at 1007, Canton Road, Lam Pui was sentenced to nine months. He was fined \$20 or one month for possession of heroin pipes.

Wong Tsui of 1011, Canton Road, was sentenced to six months for keeping a heroin divan, and for possession of heroin pills and pipes for heroin smoking, and keeping an opium divan and unlawful possession of prepared opium, he was fined a total of \$230, or seven and a half months.

Chan Kwai of 236, Yee Chow Street, received six months for keeping a heroin divan, and fines totaling \$200 or six months were added for possession of heroin pills, prepared opium and heroin pipes.

Yeung Shi, of 103, Kweilin Street, was fined a total of \$165, in default six months, for keeping an opium divan, possession of prepared opium, possession of 35 heroin pills, and pipes used for heroin smoking. He received an additional six months for keeping a heroin divan.

SESSIONS SENTENCES

Charged with unlawful possession of one third of an ounce of heroin, 13,140 heroin pills and 43 ounces of pink mass, Tsun Kum, unemployed seaman, was sentenced to two and half years' hard labour by Mr. Justice H. E. Lindell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, after he had been found guilty by a jury comprising Messrs. A. Minot (Foreman), E. A. da Rosa, Watt Kum-yuen, F. H. Mody, Poon Shing-wing, P. W. Calverara and J. P. Ferreira.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, and accused was arrested on November 21 following a raid by Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens, Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, and others, on a house in Shek Kip Mei village, Kowloon city. The rear part of the house was used as a heroin pill factory. Though he now pleaded not guilty, accused at the time of his arrest freely admitted that the articles for manufacturing heroin pills were his.

The same jury then tried Lau Fuk-sung, 29, furniture maker, who was charged with unlawful possession of 35,500 heroin pills. Accused was seen by an Indian constable walking up Cochrane Street with a rattan basket in his hand. The constable approached him and he dropped the basket, but was caught. The pills were found in the basket. Confessed, accused was sentenced to two and half years' hard labour.

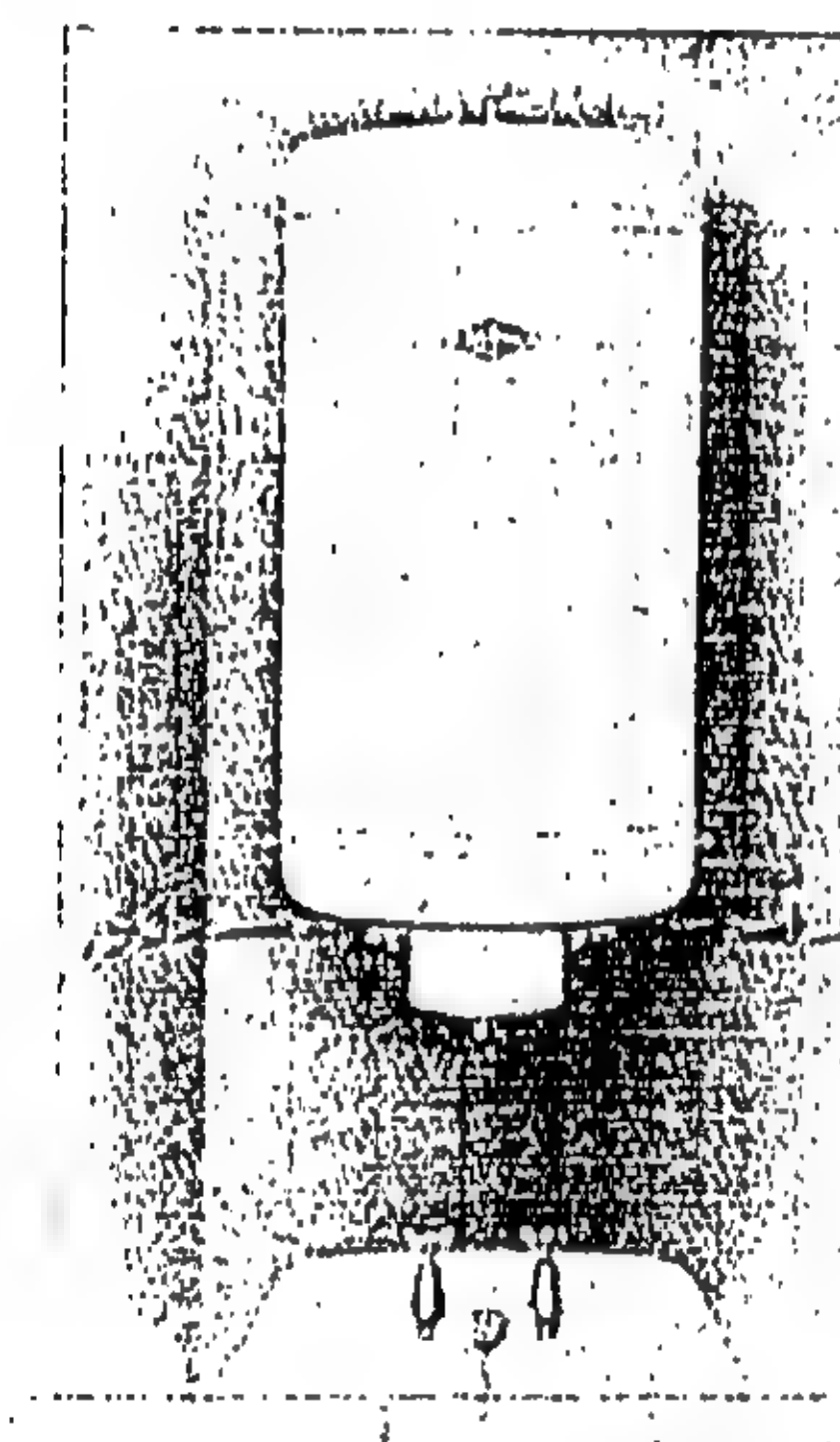


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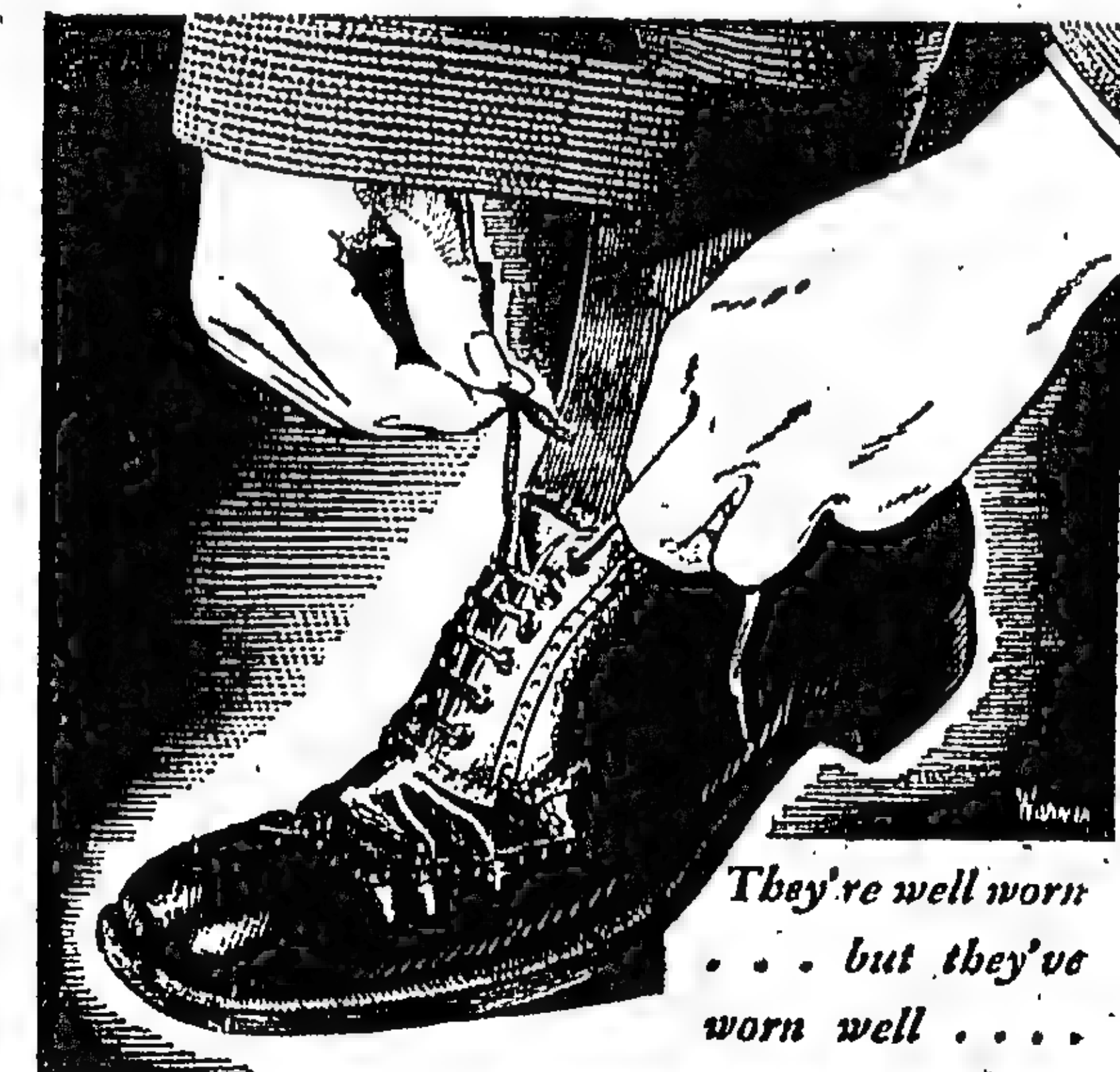
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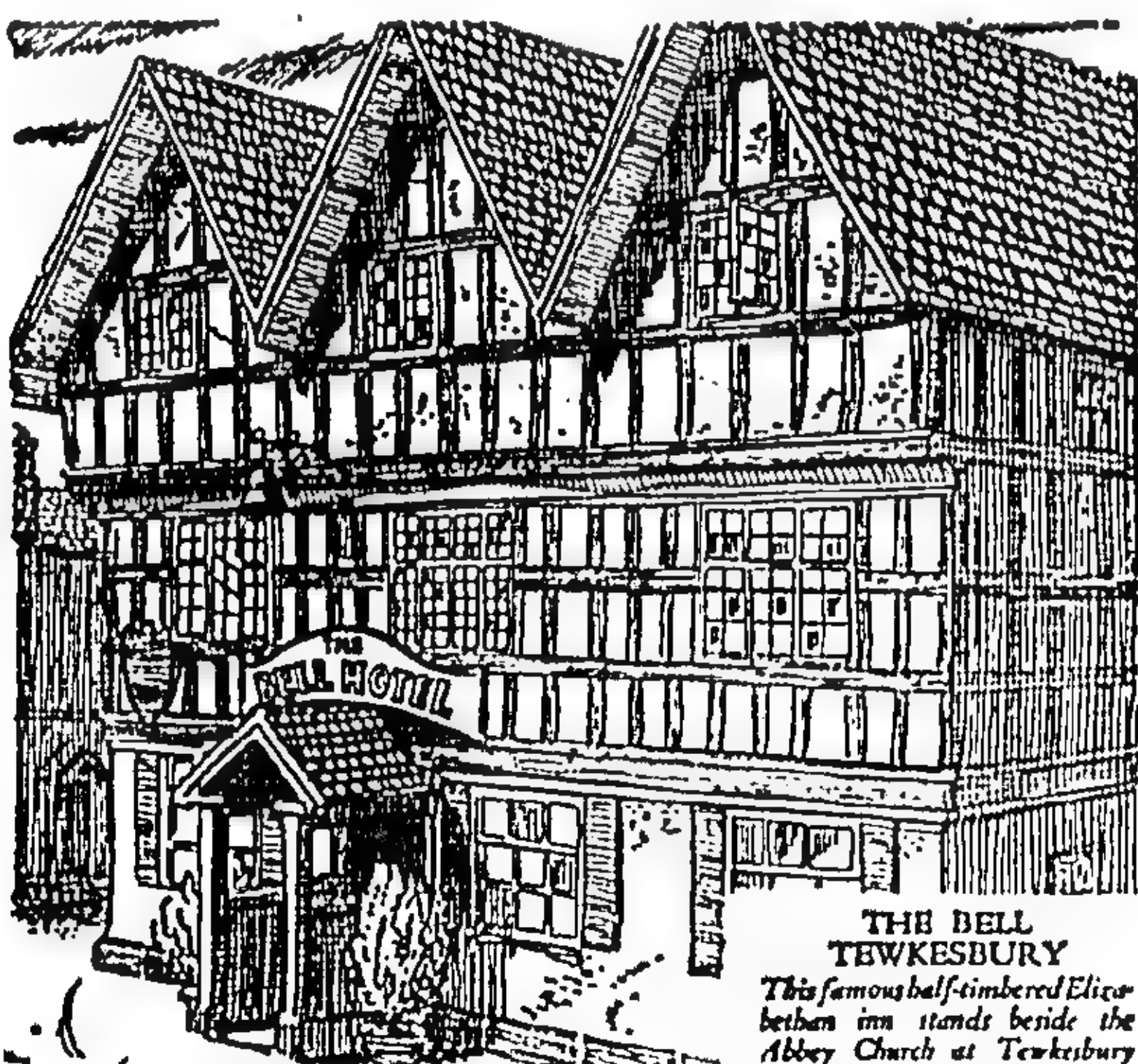
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Slam!

WESTERN business interests can hardly be blamed if they greet with a certain amount of scepticism the spirited defence by Japan's Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita, of Tokyo's plans for reviving and expanding China's industry.

Mr. Arita's use of statistics in pleading Manchukuo as an example of what Japan plans for China will hardly convince British and American merchants that the markets they once enjoyed in the Manchurian provinces are flourishing. Nor will foreigners be under any disillusionment regarding the fact that the Japanese Plan, if effectuated, means the end of the Open Door elsewhere in China, and the virtual exclusion of all Western Powers from the trade and industry of the Far East.

The Japanese are thinking of co-operation with China in terms of monopolies and discriminatory privileges in favour of their own nationals. If they observed it in Manchukuo—and this is what Mr. Arita naively suggests is the Plan that will set to rest the fears of the West—not merely the ascendancy of Western commercial enterprise in the Far East is doomed, but its dwindling must ultimately reach the stage where it will become infinitesimal.

1823—1938

"FOR GOD'S sake, do not drag me into another war!"

"I am worn down and worn out with crusading and defending Europe and protecting mankind; I must think a little of myself."

"I am sorry for the Spaniards; I am sorry for the Greeks—I deplore the fate of the Jews; the people of the Sandwich Islands are groaning under the most detestable tyranny; Baghdad is oppressed—I do not like the present state of the Delta—Tibet is not comfortable."

"Am I to fight for all these people? The world is bursting with sin and sorrow. Am I to be champion of the Decalogue and to be eternally raising fleets and armies to make all men good and happy?"

"We have just done saving Europe, and I am afraid we shall cut each other's throats."

Who said that? Sydney Smith, English writer and divine, who died ninety-four years ago.

When did he say it? In the *Edinburgh Review* in 1823. One hundred and fifteen years ago.

Sydney Smith was a sound man.



BALLOON DANCE

Vicar of St. Hilda's praises pools

By the Rev.
W. Rowland
JONES

(Vicar of St. Hilda's,
Denton, an important
industrial parish in
Manchester.)

PERHAPS the Church has not yet realised the seriousness of these passing days. What was she doing during the recent, and not yet ended, crisis?

Perhaps musing, or on a journey, or peradventure, sleeping! Perhaps the Church thinks that all is well with our modern world.

Whatever the reason, the conference of Manchester churchmen at a recent meeting was not concerned with the agonies of the world; not concerned about the ending of war, or the making of peace; not concerned with the ending of tyranny or the saving of democracy.

It was concerned about the smashing of the Football Pools! The Government was called on to turn aside from the healing of Europe's wounds, to fight a "serious and mischievous menace to the community." The menace is neither Phosgene nor Lewisite nor Mustard Gas, but—Football Pools!

IF it were not tragic, it would be laughable. Here is the world at its wits' end to know how to escape from the horrors of its own entanglements. If the Church believes her own Gospel, she has the remedy.

Never was a greater opportunity presented to the Church. Not even contented with Nero's role of fiery fiddler, the Church makes matters worse by bleating about Football Pools.

What is the truth about this amusement which the Manchester

Diocesan Conference calls a menace to the community?

About half the population of the country tries to forecast the results of Saturday's football matches. Eighty per cent. fail, and lose their money. But in return they get a "kick" out of week-end football which they consider well worth the money.

They know the odds are some thousands against them, but they go on sending up their postal orders, feeling that it is all great fun, and—"somebody's got to win!"

What harm does it all do?

NEARLY all my people, some six thousand, including their Vicar, try their luck. But I have yet to come across a single child who is going hungry because daddy buys a postal order every week.

The whole thing has become a family institution, and far from evil resulting it is a jolly game, with always the chance of a "hit," and a welcome cheque for Wakes week. Where is the harm of it all?

It may be, perhaps, and that people to-day can find no more enlightened way of spending their leisure. But there are doubts even about that. There are far worse ways of spending spare time.

I have had to spend an enormous amount of time listening to the empty chatter of Church people, many of them wearing clerical collars. I consider that my time is much better spent filling up my football coupon. At least, it does stimulate my brain!

If there are other and better ways of spending leisure and the people do not know of them, that in itself is a commentary on the failure of the Church to show

men the true brightness of life. The man in the street would far rather spend an hour poring over the chances of Manchester City than listening to the inaudible mumblings of the Oxford jargon of the curate saying evensong!

The Church has reduced the worship of God to a thing which is inexpressibly dull, and everyday people will have nothing to do with it. They find escape in the Football Pool.

The man in the street would far rather weigh up the chances of the United away than go to the parish bazaar, where he is asked to buy a ticket for a raffle and win a thing he doesn't want. The Manchester Conference had nothing to say about this "mischievous menace."

The Church of England, of all the Churches, has made religion so utterly drab that we gladly turn to the Pools for a thrill. The churches are bare and chilly and gloomy; the parish halls let in the rain, and the parish billiard-table is a scenic railway.

Every Sunday it is "give for this" and "give for that," and the people stay away. The Pool promoters do pay out as well as take in. There is always a chance of "coming up."

IS not this ecclesiastical wall against the Pools on a level with the Church's attitude against so many of the people's legitimate amusements? Is it not rather an echo of the story of the dog in the manger?

Take Sunday games as an example. The Church says, "You won't come to church, so we will fight against your right to play on your only holiday."

What a relief it would be if the Church would frame a daring re-

solution against the gambling of its best supporters on the Stock Exchange!

There is, of course, not one iota of difference between the wealthy churchwardens' flutter with his stocks and shares and Bill Ramsbottom's suspense on three draws next Friday. The only difference is that Bill does not go to church, nor support the collections, and the wealthy churchwardens always gives so generously to the Bishop's appeal.

TACTFULLY (or should we say despicably?) the Church remains silent about the greater evil, but fulminates against poor Bill Ramsbottom!

Presumably, the same argument applies to the abolition of the slums, and the attack upon the Arms Ramp. You can't very well attack the very source of your own income, so you bleat about Football Pools.

Will the Football Pool Promoters become churchwardens by way of defence? Then they will not be attacked, if their donations are large enough.

The Manchester Conference almost coincided with the first anniversary of the death of "Dick" Sheppard, the greatest Churchman of them all.

He was not popular amongst his fellow-Churchmen, but how popular he was among the common people, the same sort of people who send up their pools coupons, the same sort of people who used to hear Christ gladly!

DICK once wrote a book which he called *The Impatience of a Parson*. It was not popular among the officials of the church. It declared that the writer was heartily tired of the futile reactions of the official Church to the burning problems of the day.

Dick knew. He came face to face with life in the raw in the crypt of Saint Martin's. He knew that the Church had no answer for the hungry sheep that were not fed.

Dick was one who faced up to reality. When will the Church have the courage to do that?

The "mischievous menace" of to-day is not the Football Pools. It is, as Dick saw, the diabolical threat of modern barbarism under the name of war. It is the cry of the hungry and the sullen heartbreak of the workless. It is the threat of the very end of our so-called civilisation.

What would the Lord of the Church have said? I don't think He would have framed a pious resolution about Football Pools!

To-day's Thought—

It is folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonably be expected to do.

—RICHARD WHATELY.

Cockfight 'Fans' Have Own Club

Outside a very close and secret circle it is not known that there exists in this country an organisation known as the Ancient Society of Cockfights.

This centuries-old organisation protects the interests of cockfighters and acts as an insurance club whenever its members are caught and brought before the courts.

Subscriptions are voluntary but the list of patrons contains many distinguished names.

A member of the society said that when 21 defendants were fined a total of over £200 in North West-morland a few months ago, some of the fines and part of the cost of the defence were met by the society.

"Our Dumb Friends League, who were responsible for the prosecution in this case, think they have captured the ringleaders of the sport," he said.

"They are very much mistaken. In the north, where important mains are staged at regular intervals in isolated places, there is not one chance in a thousand of detection."

It is known, however, that enthusiasts at gatherings include magistrates and other influential men.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Here's a rush job, Sneyd! The chef at the Hotel Nift wants plans for a skyscraper to be done in frozen sugar and meringue!"

TAIPANS IN SHANGHAI DEMAND QUICK ACTION AGAINST JAPAN

LONDON, DEC. 20.

THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF BRITISH BUSINESS-MEN WHO CONFERRED WITH SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR AND VICE-ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE IN SHANGHAI LAST WEEK-END ARE REVEALED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES" ON THE BASIS OF A PRIVATE REPORT RECEIVED IN LONDON.

The Correspondent says that the committee unanimously agreed that a policy of *laissez faire*, passive resistance or co-operation with the Japanese would bring destruction to British interests as its only result.

They advocated retaliatory action. They themselves did not touch on denunciation of the trade agreement, but whatever the Government intended to do they declare must be done quickly.

Should the Japanese establish a puppet federal government, the businessmen felt their difficulties would only increase for, according to their information, the Japanese would use such a government for eliminating foreign interests.

Finally they requested immediate and definite advice as to the British Government's plans.

The Correspondent says that Mr. Arlita's statement yesterday is being carefully considered at Whitehall. On the face of it the statement seems bleak and uncompromising, but further details are awaited from Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

U.S. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. ACTION WITHOUT PRECEDENT in the annals of United States medical history was taken by a Federal Grand Jury to-day.

It has indicted the American Medical Association, three medical societies and 21 individual physicians, charging them with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The jury specifically charged the Association and others with preventing physicians and co-operative medical associations from supplying medical services, by refusing membership in medical societies to individual physicians who joined such groups.

The American Medical Association is on record as being vigorously opposed to Governmental attempts to socialize medicine.—*Reuter*.

MANCHESTER APPEAL FOR CHINA AID

London, Dec. 20.

"IN CHINA, that great desolated land," almost everything is wanting—food, clothing and medical requisites.

"It is for this suffering of a heroic people in their darkest hour, standing firm to the ideals of freedom and national independence, that we again ask for help."

This moving appeal for the China Relief Fund, signed by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, the Mayor of Salford, the Bishop of Manchester, Sir Kenneth Stewart and 13 other prominent Lancashire personalities, was made in the "Manchester Guardian" to-day.

Concurrently with the appeal, the first year's report of the Manchester China Relief Committee shows that £3,533 was collected, of which £363 was retained against future expenses. The balance has all been expended in China.

Churches, industry, professions and trade unions were among the contributors. Many working parties were formed to make bandages, which are specially needed.

Three hundred successful meetings were held, and 100,000 leaflets and vast numbers of posters and pamphlets distributed.—*Reuter*.

Kaiser's Grandson Marries Commoner

Berlin, Dec. 20.

Prince Alexander Ferdinand, of Prussia, grandson of the ex-Kaiser, married a commoner, Fraulein Regard Weyand in the Dresden registry office to-day.

The groom is the only son of the fourth son of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, who has been an active National-Socialist since post-war years, and enjoys great popularity among the German people.

His mother is Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, who, after a divorce and re-marriage to Prince August Wilhelm, is now again divorced from him.

Prince Alexander Ferdinand was born in 1912, and is now a lieutenant in the German air force.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Europe Sees Its First Pandas

London, Dec. 20.

A remarkable collection of animals from the mountains of Central China, among which are the first giant pandas imported into Europe, are expected at the zoo on December 22. Major Floyd Smith, who took many months capturing them, is bringing them home with him from Hongkong by the steamer Antenor.

The bag includes five giant pandas, some blue and white, a snub-nosed monkey and a collection of rare pheasants.—*Reuter*.

British, French Envoys Call on Japanese

TIENTSIN, DEC. 20.

MR. J. B. AFFLECK, the British Consul-General here, and M. Lénissier, the French Consul here, called on Mr. Shigenori Tashiro, the Japanese Consul-General, at the latter's office here at noon to-day.

The British and French officials were understood to have posed queries regarding the strict precautions that have been enforced by the Japanese authorities on the borders between the foreign and the Japanese Concessions.

Explaining the steps taken by the Japanese, the Japanese Consul-General claimed that "anti-Japanese pro-Communist elements" had established their bases in the British and French Concessions, and alleged that the authorities of the British and the French Municipal Councils had so far failed to co-operate with the Japanese in suppressing subversive elements.

The Japanese official confirmed that the precautionary measures would be enforced with unabated vigour in pursuance of a "firm policy."

Assurances were given by the Japanese Consul-General, however, that conveyance of foodstuffs and other daily necessities to the British and French Concessions would not be prevented. The interview lasted about one hour.

In view of the policing measures enforced by the Japanese authorities against people entering and leaving the British and French Concessions, the British, French, American and Italian consular authorities, since Monday, have been issuing identification cards to the foreign and Chinese residents in the affected districts.—*Reuter*.

MILITARY NECESSITY Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Referring to the Japanese military restrictions at the entrance and exit of the foreign concessions in Tientsin, and Hankow, a Japanese spokesman stated that they were a military necessity to ensure that no arms or ammunition were smuggled into or out of the concessions.

He said that scores of cases of Shanghai grenades had been found in bamboo carrying-poles, while pistols had been hidden in cabbages and ammunition sewed in bedding.

Further Japanese demands from the French authorities at Hankow, it was revealed to-day, include the deportation of all Chinese interned in the concession after October 10, second a search of all houses in French Concession and the deportation of all anti-Japanese elements, thirdly the entrance of the Japanese military into the concession at any time.

Severe measures are at present being taken by Japanese sentries, who are searching all persons entering the Concessions, as well as foreigners, including women.

The prices of foodstuffs and other articles are three times higher than in any of the other concessions, with eggs selling at 10 cents apiece.

In the first snowstorm of the year in Hankow to-day enhance the already very uncomfortable living conditions.—*United Press*.

Language Reform Urged Melbourne.

A reform of the English language which would avoid the tiresome repetition of phrases like "he or she," "him or her" and "his or her," especially in legal documents, is proposed by Gregory Hynes, an Australian lawyer.

ON LONELY ISLAND

French Warship Rushes To Rescue

Paris, Dec. 20.

The French Government, having been warned by Washington, has ordered the Navy Department to rush the closest warship to the relief of 48 French colonists, including five women and two children, stranded without coal on the island of St. Paul, a speck in the Indian Ocean midway between Capetown and Melbourne, called Cursed Island by seamen because all previous attempts to colonize it have ended in misery and the death of all the colonists.

With a crew of 36 and the colonists—five men, five women and two children, a boy of eight and a baby girl three months old—the converted trawler *Rene Moraux* left St. Malo on May 26. The leader, John de Boers, who had lived on the island for six months in 1932, obtained a concession from the French Government to pack lobsters which infest the island, using a factory built by the previous colony abandoned in 1931. On leaving St. Malo, the expedition leader declared his intention of fishing 25,000 lobsters daily, which he intended to ship to Europe frozen.

The expedition expected to arrive in August and have the factory operating by Christmas, but they encountered storms on the way.

The island is inhospitable, volcanic and there is no fuel or food except lobsters, which are so plentiful that it is impossible to walk on the rocks. The expedition found in an abandoned village several two-roomed stone huts which were so badly damaged by storms as to necessitate a month's work. Meanwhile the colonists and crew returned to the trawler to await the arrival of coal.

The colonists include five married men with their wives, John de Boers, Dr. Mace, a Turkish engineer, Mouradian Garabed, of Constantinople, a mechanic, Cadieu, of St. Malo, and a radio operator.

The United States Government was informed of the SOS message by a Washington radio amateur and notified the cruiser *Omaha*, which is at present at Villafrañca, which in turn passed on the information to the French Government.—*United Press*.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There seem to be more enquiries, but business remains on a small scale and prices are unchanged.

Hongkong Bank \$1,330
Canton Insurance \$203
Douglas \$41
H.K. & K. Wharves \$115
H.K. Dock (Old) \$185
H.K. Dock (New) \$17 1/2
Provident (Old) \$6.30
Provident (New) \$6.05
H.K. Lands \$354
H.K. Realities \$5
H.K. Tramways \$17
Sandakan Light \$10
Telephones (Old) \$23
Telephones (New) \$24
Entertainments \$6.40
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 5 1/2% Loan par.

Sellers
Hongkong Bank \$1,340
Canton Insurance \$210
China Underwriters \$6.70
H.K. & K. Wharves \$117
H.K. Lands \$350
Yamul Ferry (Old) \$22 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$23 1/2
Lime, Crawford \$15
Constructions \$15 1/2

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,330/37 1/2
H. & S. Hoyle \$6.60
H.K. Lands \$350
Antanoka Pk. 40 1/2
Atoki \$2 1/2
Harcourt \$24.60
Benguet Canal 12.60
Coco Grove 20
H.K. Underwriters \$6.70
Demonstrations 27
L. S. L. 60
San Maurice 13
Suyos Canal 19 1/2
United Paracels 37

Japanese Abandon Monopoly Attempt

London, Dec. 20.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. J. Saurton (Cons) asked whether it was now confirmed that the Japanese were attempting to create a monopoly trade of raw cotton in the area around Shanghai.

Mr. R. A. Butler replying, stated that it appeared that the attempt to establish a monopoly had now been abandoned.—*Reuter*.

American Seaman On "Red" Charge

Hamburg, Dec. 20.

It is learned that an American seaman, George Roth, was arrested aboard the United States liner *Washington* on November 20, and is being held for trial, charged with distributing Communist propaganda among German seamen.

The American Consulate here is co-operating with the Consulate-General in Berlin in efforts to aid Roth.—*United Press*.

LETTERS

"Looking into The Future"

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—A more concrete form of prophecy of the future of the Orient was made by Raphael in his Astrological predictions (see Raphael's Almanac of 1939).

He said that the Sino-Japanese conflict is not thought likely to terminate until at least half of 1939 and the defeat of Japan appears to be almost inevitable, that Russia will be involved in the conflict's concluding stages, that the victory is going to the Chinese and defeat followed by revolution later in the year being the lot of Japan.

In comparing the above forecast with the ancient Chinese prophecy as published in your paper, both predicts the Chinese will succeed in their struggle for National Independence, making of China a World force for Peace.

The Astrological patterns of 1939 shows the closing stages of the Japanese-called "China Incident". As the War began in September, 1931, when Jupiter conjunct Neptune, Venus and the end will be after April, 1939 when both meets again in opposition.

The Moon's several occultations of Uranus in 1939, as same as that of Jupiter during the World War, denotes Teutonic's expansion.

When Uranus makes its transit the Rome/Berlin meridian in July 1939, we will see a new Nazis venture in Eastern Europe.

As the Democracy front is stronger than that of August 1938, the Dictators will not succeed, but their collapse is not far.

H. T. LUK.

"Oi"

Sir,—Regarding your photograph yesterday, What is the meaning of the word "Oi" used in the Lambeth Walk dance?

A. T. P.

Just "Oi"—Ed.

"The First Shot"

Sir,—I was interested in both the article and subsequent letter by your Correspondent "Proud of the Regiment" on the first shot fired in the Great War.

"Proud of the Regiment", however, errs in claiming that the first British shot in the war was a gunlayer aboard H.M.S. *Amplon*. This shot, which sank the German mine-layer *Konigin Louise* was, on your correspondent's own admission, fired on August 5, 1914.

On August 4, about an hour after war was declared between Germany and Great Britain, a shot was fired from the forts at Sydney heads in Australia to prevent a German steamer from escaping to sea. The ship was *Worms* and became the first active prize of war.

I cannot recall the entire incident: perhaps an Australian reader can give us the story.

EX-MARINER.

Appeal in Aid of Street Sleepers' Shelters

Sir,—At this festive season, when most people can afford to make merry, I desire once more to appeal to the charitable members of the community to help the Street Sleepers' Shelter Society.

By the kind aid of the Government our Society is enabled once again to use rent-free, as shelters, the old Kowloon Magistrate, the St. Peter's shelter in Des Voeux Road, West, and the upper floor of the former printing shop in Victoria Gaol.

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Our Society has no flag-day and relies entirely upon the generosity of sympathisers.

Donations may be sent either to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. Grove, of Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hongkong Bank Building, or to the South China Morning Post, 3, Wyndham Street, who are again kindly receiving donations on our behalf.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Chairman, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society.

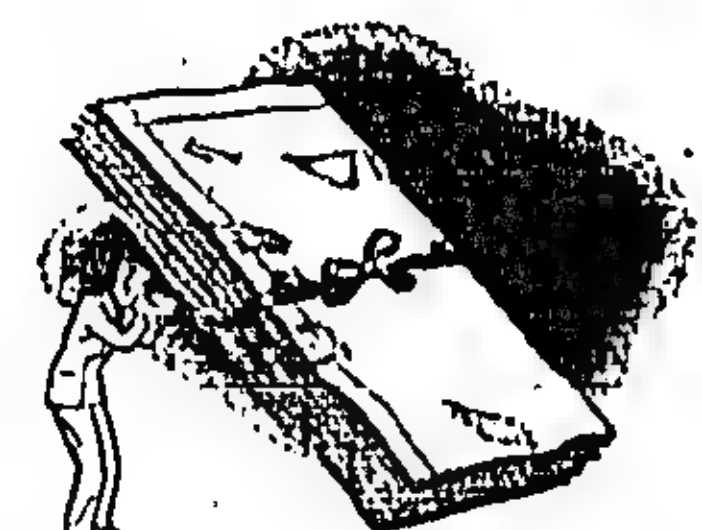
Czechs Deported Man "Wanted" By Nazis

Prague, Dec. 20.

It is officially reported that the Czech Government has deported Peter Forster to Germany, charged with murdering a sentry at a concentration camp at Weimar from where he attempted to escape recently.

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DEAD-END CHILDREN

Rotary Club Contributes To Local Society

In an eloquent address on "Children of the Dead End," Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier, Honorary Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Children, asked for contributions from the Rotary Club yesterday to help give the poor children of the Colony a happy Christmas.

On the suggestion of Rotarian T. B. Wilson, who gave a contribution, a collection was afterwards taken up for this cause.

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, president, and the guests included Dr. C. T. Wang, former Ambassador of China to America and, prior to that, Governor of the South China District; and also Dr. J. M. Henry, present Governor of the District and Chairman of the Canton Refugee Council.

Dr. Wang said he was glad to be again among the Rotarians he knew over three years ago. Of the service to others which Rotarians rendered, he was sure his service only was not one to which the local Club subscribed.

Dr. Henry said he would have pleasure in informing Rotary Headquarters of the progress made by the local Club, which was, in his opinion, one of the best in the District.

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Rotarians T. C. Yu, Tien-shin; E. L. Pin, Tainan; G. G. Helde, Chang-shan; H. Kadoorie, Shanghai; H. M. van der Schalk and A. Hoffmeister, Canton; F. Turley, Canada; B. W. Robinson, Los Angeles; G. A. Fitch, Nanking, were visitors at the meeting, which included a large number of ladies.

Mrs. Crozier said, in part: "In the past week I have spent a lot of time at the Society's centre and what I have seen has made me realise that more than ever we are in need of your support—the Society's problems are multiplied, its burdens increased by the influx of refugees. We have more hungry mouths to feed—in normal times we do not need a matter of policy, give anything other than purely temporary relief for children whose parents are not Hongkong born—but, as you know, these people cannot, as yet, be sent back. Government and the Emergency Refugee Relief Committee are doing their best to make provision for these people, but organising homeless wanderers takes time and meanwhile their babies must be fed."

The Society does, in extreme cases, pay up arrears in rent for mothers with little children—singing rents have increased the Society's liabilities. The rise in the cost of living, the price of food and wood—is making many who would otherwise be able to manage come to the Society for food for their children.

It was to assist the children of ignorance and want that the Society was started nine years ago, dedicated to the threefold proposition:—That no child of mothers having knowledge shall lack food; that we shall provide or procure medical care for any such child as needs it; that, as far as our means allow, we shall rescue and educate children from dangerous environment. The Society has four centres, two on the island and two in Kowloon, managed by salaried inspectors, to whom we owe more than I can tell you, with advice from honorary branch secretaries. Go into any of these centres and you will see lines of mothers receiving good rich soup, cheap in cost, so that pregnant and nursing mothers will be able to build-up healthy babies. You will see rows of them feeding small babies with "milk, orange-juice, codliver oil, and the same soup that the mothers receive. The babies will be weighed and progress noted in the files, medical treatment will be secured for this baby with "sore eyes," or that with tubercular glands, or skin disease. Educating the mothers is part of the Society's programme of service. This last year 52,383 visits were paid to the Society's centres.

Then there is the Lien Yuet Sien Creche. At Clarence Terrace we

have a house, lent to us and equipped by the generosity of Mr. Li Po-chun, where for the past 10 months we have had a creche. Results have proved this new departure to be a most successful experiment. Working mothers come at early morning and leave their babies, ranging from new born to two years in age. The mothers are thus left free to earn a daily wage and the babies, cared for by trained nurses, gain by their stay in clean surroundings and proper feeding.

We have no institutions of our own and are grateful, as the Colony should be grateful, to the homes, orphanages and industrial schools to which we can safely entrust cases against a small payment which may cover the base cost of living and, sometimes, I suspect, less than that.

Attending Courts

To-day the Juvenile Courts are attended by the representatives of the Society, members of the Women's Auxiliary, who get into touch with cases and bring them to the notice of the Society's officers. Our Society is preserving the health of children and rescuing them from the dangerous environment which is all that their destitution has to offer them.

Last year the Society spent \$1,558 beyond its income, and this year the income again fell short of expenditure; but we are out for even more centres. Our mothers cannot afford buses and trams. Nor can they afford the loss of a day's wage—small as it may be—if the nearest centre is too far away. A centre costs a little more than \$5,000 a year, and we have not got the money for any more. But we are going out to get it. Expansion in the immediate future does not mean launching out into anything new. It means enlarging the scale of our present operations.

Does not the fact that, as a community, we have not shouldered the burden of these, our own hapless little children as have other communities, give them a claim on our voluntary services as individuals? Our immunity from rates and taxes for social services, in their regard is at the cost of the children's suffering.

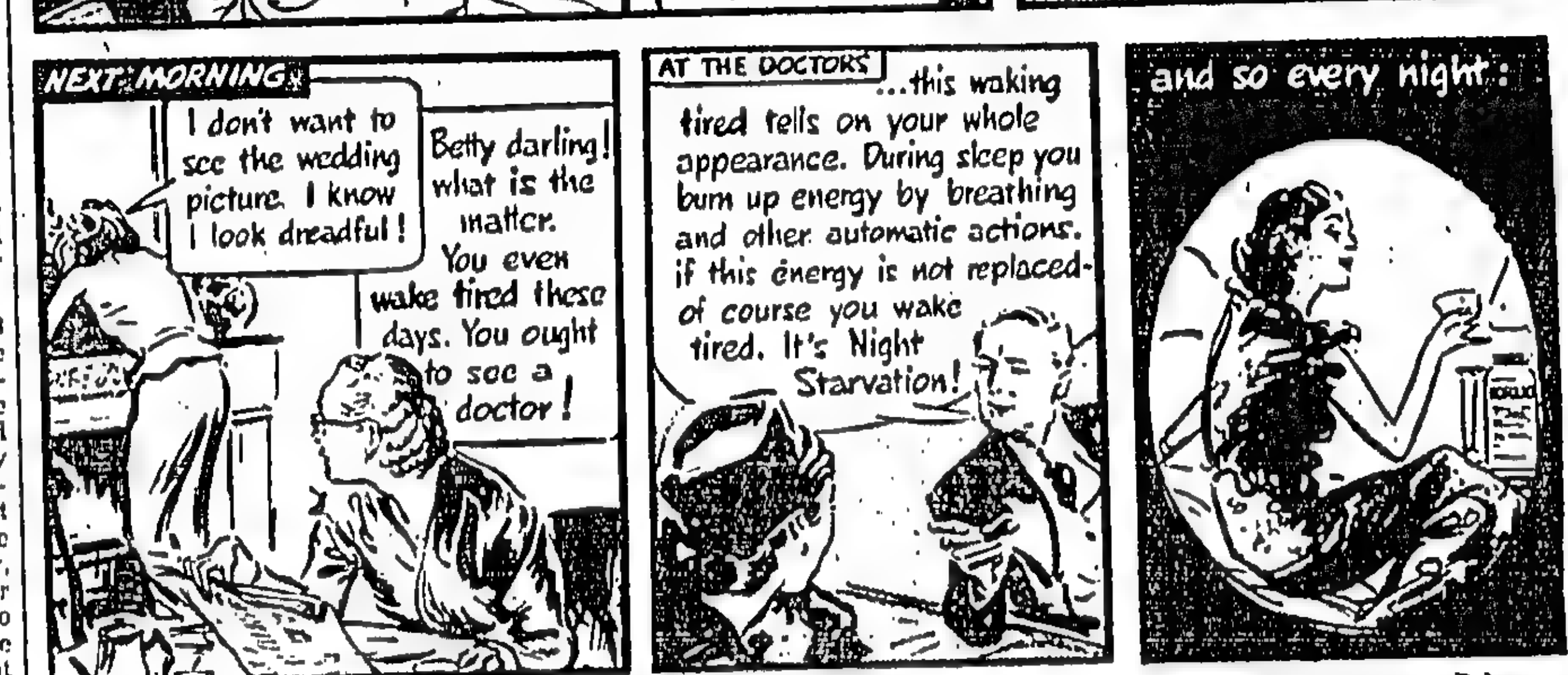
Some years ago, outside a hospital in southern Europe, intended, I believe, for foreign seamen, there was a notice "We Harbour All Disease and Respect No Religions." The Society for the Protection of Children is a little like that, for no mother has ever been refused who has appeared to it on behalf of an ailing or under-nourished child, and we are not concerned as to her religious or political attachments.

The sum of \$30,000 kept our centres going this year. We are asking for \$40,000 for 1939. It is not much in terms of sterling or gold dollars, but in terms of healthy mothers and happy children its value is incalculable—with that amount we shall be able to carry on and open two new centres. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, in thanking the speaker, said he was sure at this season of good cheer and goodwill, that Rotarians would not be content with merely praising the speaker's sentiments, but would subscribe financially to the cause, which well exemplified the Rotary spirit.

It was announced that there would be no meeting of the Club next Tuesday.

Tragedy of a tired-looking bridesmaid



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A New Method To Be Used To Pick The Best Golfer

WISE DECISION MADE BY THE P.G.A.

When the next ranking list of Britain's golf professionals is drawn up, it will be victories only, and not ability to get round in a low score that will influence the Professional Golfers' Association.

The P.G.A., controllers of the Vardon Trophy competition, which settles the professional championship, have, hitherto, based their findings on average scores.

The competition concerns major tournaments, such as the open championship, the Daily Mail's £2,000 event, the "Silver King" and the News-Chronicle's £1,000 contest. The P.G.A. note the scores returned in these competitions and rank players accordingly.

With the following rather extraordinary result last season: Henry Cotton, who played fine golf but was dogged by the worst of luck, did not win a single major tournament, yet when they worked out his average they found he was the winner of the Vardon Trophy and therefore the champion of the year!

When Reg. Whitecombe, the open champion, heard this he felt that he had been bunkered out of turn, and as for Alf. Perry, who won more tournaments than any other player, he said more than a few words.

ANOMOLOUS

Do not think Cotton is going to apologise for going round in fewer strokes than anyone else. He isn't. He played the required minimum of 10 rounds, and won the trophy fairly, according to the rules of the competition.

At the same time, he will admit that it is a bit anomalous that neither Whitecombe, the open winner, nor Perry, who won most events last summer, should not be the champion of the year. The result actually was Cotton (average 72.87) 1, Whitecombe (73.35) 2, Perry (73.4) 3.

This only goes to show that a golfer's scores are not a dependable guide to his tournament-winning powers. By the same rule you cannot judge a cricketer's value by his averages.

So next season the P.G.A. will employ a new system. They will borrow the one used in cross-country running. In this testing pastime the winner of a race scores 1 point for his team, the second man 2, the third 3, and so on.

That is how this golf will be worked. If Cotton wins the open he will

score one point. If he is 20th (dreadful thought) he will be credited with 20—and the player with the smallest aggregate will, of course, be the victor.

FAIRER WAY

On that basis, a golf expert worked it out that last season's winner—and therefore the year's best golfer—would, fittingly enough, have been Reg. Whitecombe, with 56 points. Perry would have been second with 59 and Cotton third with 70.

He also pointed out that one important drawback to the "average score" system is the weather. A score of, say, 73 in perfect summer conditions is surely not so good as a 70 returned against blustering wind and driving rain?

No one can quarrel with a record based on results. That's why the League football system always works so well, and why the county cricket table, so long as it is governed by percentages, will always lead to arguments.

The P.G.A. have made a wise change. Being placed among the first 12 professionals is a matter of great importance to British golfers, and it is as well that the ranking should be above criticism.

AMERICAN SCULLER'S SUCCESS

The final of the Colquhoun Sculls on November 10 at Cambridge was won by an American oarsman, Hugh Parker, of Tabor Academy, Concord, the first American champion of the Cam in the long series of winners. Bunting Howell, who won the Wingfield in 1938, was a Cambridge man but records do not show him as ever having won the Colquhouns.

Parker gained an early lead and won easily. His opponent lost distance through steering wide at Grassy Corner. Result: Back Station: H. Parker (Tabor Acad., U.S.A., Trinity Hall) 1. Front Station: E. G. P. Shervood (Marlborough, Christ's) 2. Won by 11 sec. in 8 min. 11 sec.

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Not Always Safe To Do This Thing



This is not always a safe thing to do, but in the present case the goal-keeper, Pau Ka-ping, of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, is wide-awake and no harm is done. An incident in the charity soccer match on Sunday when the Chinese defeated the Hongkong F.A. by four goals to nil. The Association forwards tried hard to score in the second half without success, and Lee Tin-sang is here seen heading the ball back to Pau when harried by Fowler.—Photo by Jaffer.

Here And There With "Abe"

Readers Want Box-Scores Of Softball Matches

YESTERDAY I received two letters, one from a fair reader and the other from a visitor from Shanghai, asking why local newspapers do not publish the box-scores of softball matches played in the Ladies' League. "Couldn't you beg, borrow, steal or otherwise pilfer those elusive box-scores from the many coaches, trainers and scribes wearing out their Everhard Fabers at these matches?" asks "A Lady Fan." "If you do watch these Ladies' softball little-but then I suppose most Sports Editors are too busy (sic) to give much attention to this new-born infant—you must have noticed how this modified game of swat has taken on; so what about the box-scores for those Sunday morning games?" The visitor from Shanghai says, "I really do believe that the box-scores of these games are the meat of the whole story, as from them one can gather many illuminating facts which would otherwise escape deserved attention." This "new-born infant" having developed into a lusty kicking babe, I was not entirely surprised to receive two such letters; it was inevitable that a time would come when the game's adherents would demand more attention to it, and consequently more space in the papers.

It Has Caught On

THAT the game has caught on in Hongkong there can be no doubt at all. A visit to King's Park any Sunday morning will convince even the most sanguine of that. Personally I have not been able to whip myself into the same degree of enthusiasm for the sport as some of my friends have; but then I cannot expect these same friends to expect the same keenness for the games which I find so enjoyable. It's just a matter of taste. Except to those who understand the intricate system of scoring—and not every softballer, I am sure, does understand the jumble of figures conveys little to most people. It's not like cricket scores, where you can tell at a glance how many runs a batsman has made. One doesn't necessarily have to be a cricketer to be able to understand cricket scores; but one has to know quite a great deal of baseball in order to tell how a game went by the box-scores. Even as it is, some people are of the opinion that enough space is already being devoted by the local papers to the sport. One very grumbled when the cricket scores on a recent Saturday were not printed in full the following day. "It's scandalous," he snorted. "Columns and columns of softball and only one column of cricket!" That's the worst part about upsetting an established practice! Usually there are three or four columns of cricket scores every Sunday morning.

Fillip To Game

If anything was needed to fan the flame of interest sweeping over the Colony, the visit of the American girls provided it. These girls set a new standard of play in Hongkong with their splendid pitching and spectacular fielding. Before softball here was... well, it was just softball. But the visitors taught us how softball could be made to be played like baseball, and consequently with the new technique the game has needed up considerably, especially in the men's matches. While

local girls have not yet attained the same degree of proficiency which makes their matches really interesting to watch, some of the men's encounters now contain a great amount of skill. Indications are not lacking that the game has come to stay. This being so, every endeavour will be made in future to publish box-scores whenever space permits.

New Rules

THE game, it is reported from the United States, continues to alter its rules to make them more like the code of its big brother—baseball. Clarence E. Brewer of Detroit, chairman of the joint rules committee of the Amateur Softball Association, has announced that the only major change for 1939 will permit the scoring of runs on a wild pitch, passed ball or throw-back from the catcher to the pitcher. In the past runners have been forced to stay on third base on wild pitches, passed balls or throwbacks, although they could go from first to second or from second to third when these plays developed. Brewer says the latest move to make softball's rules similar to those of baseball was needed to help the offence. In 1937 the sacrifice was voted into the softball rules.

Team For Saigon

APPEARING elsewhere in this issue are the names of four players selected to represent Hongkong in the Far Eastern tennis championships to be held at Saigon from January 7 to 14. As none of the four can be ranked within the first five in the Colony, the captain cannot be said to be a representative one; but as most of the leading players either cannot obtain the necessary leave or are not keen to take part in the championships, it is probably the best team we can send in the circumstances. When I spoke to him a fortnight ago, Tsui Yun-pui was almost certain of being able to go to Saigon, but apparently he has changed his mind. His brother, Tsui Wan-pui, the Davis Cupper and Colony champion, was never at any time certain of being able to make the trip, and because of the uncertainty in his case all along, his declination of the invitation does not come as a surprise now. All the same it must have been a blow to the Hongkong L.T.A. that even with hotel expenses in Saigon and return passage guaranteed, a stronger side has not been available. To have our leading players pitted against men like Yvon Petra, Kido Sin-kie as well as the Filipino stars would have done Colony tennis an immeasurable amount of good.

This Lou Nova

HIS ability to beat, and nearly knock out, Tommy Farr stamens Lou Nova as a most promising fighter. A husky Californian, he believes in carrots, beef juice and sugar, and the sober American critics who saw him knock out Gunner Baerlund believe he is more promising at the age of 25 than was Gene Tunney. And this is anything but flattery. "He is so somewhat of a Bombario, Furioso, if the story is true that, on entering his dressing-room before a fight, he sniffed the air, found it not to his liking, and said, 'Give this room to my opponent.' Whatever he hasn't got, the man certainly has nerve."

POPULAR MEMBER FAREWELLED

A. A. Aziz Leaving Colony On Sunday

Some 50 members of the Indian Recreation Club gathered together in the club-house at dinner-last evening to say farewell to Mr. A. A. Aziz, one of their most popular sportsmen, who is leaving the Colony on Christmas Day. Mr. Aziz is returning to his native Malaya after a stay of more than ten years in Hongkong.

Mr. A. el Arculli, President of the Club, was in the chair and spoke of the many sterling qualities of Mr. Aziz, whom he described as one of the

Players Selected To Represent Colony

Four players have been selected to represent Hongkong at the Far Eastern tennis championships from January 7 to 14 at Saigon. They are Tannie Kwok, Lai Kwong-tsun; Chan Chai-kung and Szeto Bick. The team will leave early in January.

most cheerful men he knew. The Club knew him well as a cricketer—he has only just relinquished the captaincy of the Junior Eleven—but also in other forms of sport he was well-known not only in the community but also throughout the Colony.

Mr. Arculli expressed the regret of the members at Mr. Aziz's departure, especially as there was little possibility of his return in the near future, but he assured Mr. Aziz that ever he did return there would always be a welcome for him at the Club (Applause). Mr. Arculli concluded by wishing Mr. Aziz good luck and prosperity in his new sphere of activity.

Mr. Aziz suitably replied, thanking the members for the honour they had done him and wishing them success in the Cricket League, which starts next month.



Miss Ann Taylor gave her partner, W. A. H. Duff, splendid support in the final of the Colony mixed doubles tennis championship against Comdr. Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths.—Photo by Jaffer.

M. C. C. PLAN 30-HOUR TEST MATCHES

FIVE-DAYS LIMIT IN GAMES IN ENGLAND

London, Nov. 23.

England wants standardised Test matches with Australia. Limit them to thirty hours is the idea. Forget about timeless Tests and all the other things which puzzle or irritate the enthusiast.

The Advisory County Cricket Committee think Tests would be better in this country if they consisted of five six-hour days. Australia could carry on with six five-hour days. The committee, meeting in London yesterday, decided to put the proposal before the Australian Board of Control.

It does not mean that thirty hours' cricket must be played if there is time lost by the weather. "This would be getting back to the timeless Test idea," said a prominent legislator last night. "If we had rain, that would mean so many hours of the thirty lost. All we want is to be on a par with Australia."

It's Australia's move now. Australia's tour in this country last season resulted in a profit of £42,000. Those counties which had the Tests (Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Middlesex and Surrey) and the M.C.C., each received £3,350. Other counties will receive £1,600 each. Each minor county and the universities will get £220.

An Australian writer, quoted by *Reuter*, anticipates a £25,000 share for Australia. Final figures will not be known until Manager W. H. Jones reports.

Worcestershire's proposal that every first-class county should have equal representation on the Board of Control was defeated.

REGISTRATION SCHEME

The Middlesex proposal that the registration scheme of county cricketers should be prepared for consideration of first-class counties was accepted. M.C.C. will choose a sub-committee to get on with the job.

The Board of Control have decided that no Test trials will be played in 1939 or 1940.

The selection sub-committee, increased from three to four, including two first-class county captains, is to be continued on an experimental basis. Sir Pelham Warner is not seeking nomination again.

Two vacancies for trustees caused by the death of Lord Hawke and the retirement of Mr. A. J. Webb will be filled in the spring.

£42,000 PROFIT ON AUSTRALIAN TOUR Counties' Large Share

London, Nov. 23. The net profit on the Australian tour in England last summer amounted approximately to £42,000, it was announced at the Board of Control meeting, also at Lord's.

Although not a record, the profit compares favourably with that of previous Australian visits to this country, and but for the washed-out Test at Manchester, where not a ball could be bowled, all past figures would have been beaten easily.

The distribution of profits was: £3,350 to the M.C.C. and each county on whose ground Test matches were played. £1,600 to each county on whose ground Test matches were not played. £220 to each Minor County and University.

It is estimated that over a period of four years the counties who stage Test matches on their grounds have received an average of £1,400 per annum towards the cost of maintenance and improvements.

For next summer, when the West Indies will be in England, three Test matches of three days each have been arranged. The hours of play will be 11.30 to 6.30 on the first two days and 11 to 6.30 on the last day. The price of admission will be 2s.

The board decided that the new Selection Sub-Committee to be appointed next spring shall be continued on the experimental basis of four members, including two county captains, as last year. It was announced that Sir Pelham Warner did not wish to seek nomination on the committee, and a hearty vote of thanks for his services and those of the other selectors was passed.

There will be no Test Trial matches in 1939 or 1940.

A resolution, which received approval by the board was that in future, as often as can be arranged, the 12th man in Test matches should be a player on the staff of the club on whose ground the match is played, and the M.C.C. will definitely carry this out at Lord's. The reason is to lessen any handicap to the county teams.

Owing to the death of Lord Hawke and the retirement of Mr. A. G. Webb, who asked to be relieved at the end of the year, two new trustees will be appointed at the Spring Meeting.

Those present at the meeting were: Earl Baldwin (chairman), A. Sellers and J. H. Nash (York), Sir

Pelham Warner and R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex), Rev. H. R. M. Ellison (Derby), Lt.-Cmdr. V. J. Robinson and Major H. A. Henson (Glos.), W. N. Riley and W. L. Knowles (Sussex), A. J. Spelling (Essex), H. D. G. Leveson Gower and A. F. Navey (Surrey), T. A. Higson and R. Howard (Lancashire), H. A. Brown (Notts), Col. Sir Stanley Jackson, Col. C. Haselgrave, S. Christopher, R. H. Twining and W. Lindsay Everard (M.C.C.).

TEST TOUR CHANGES INDICATED

M.C.C. Secretary On Present-Day Bowling

London, Nov. 30. Material changes in the programme of future Australian teams visiting this country were indicated by Lieut.-Colonel Rait-Kerr, secretary of the M.C.C., in a speech to county secretaries yesterday.

If the Australian Board of Control accepted the formula that Tests in England should be of five days' duration, it was obvious, remarked the M.C.C. secretary, that the Australians would not be able to carry out such an extended programme.

He did not, however, suggest the manner in which it would be curtailed.

Colonel Rait-Kerr had something to say on the highly controversial subject of wickets. He could not find any evidence that wickets today were enormously different from what they were in 1910.

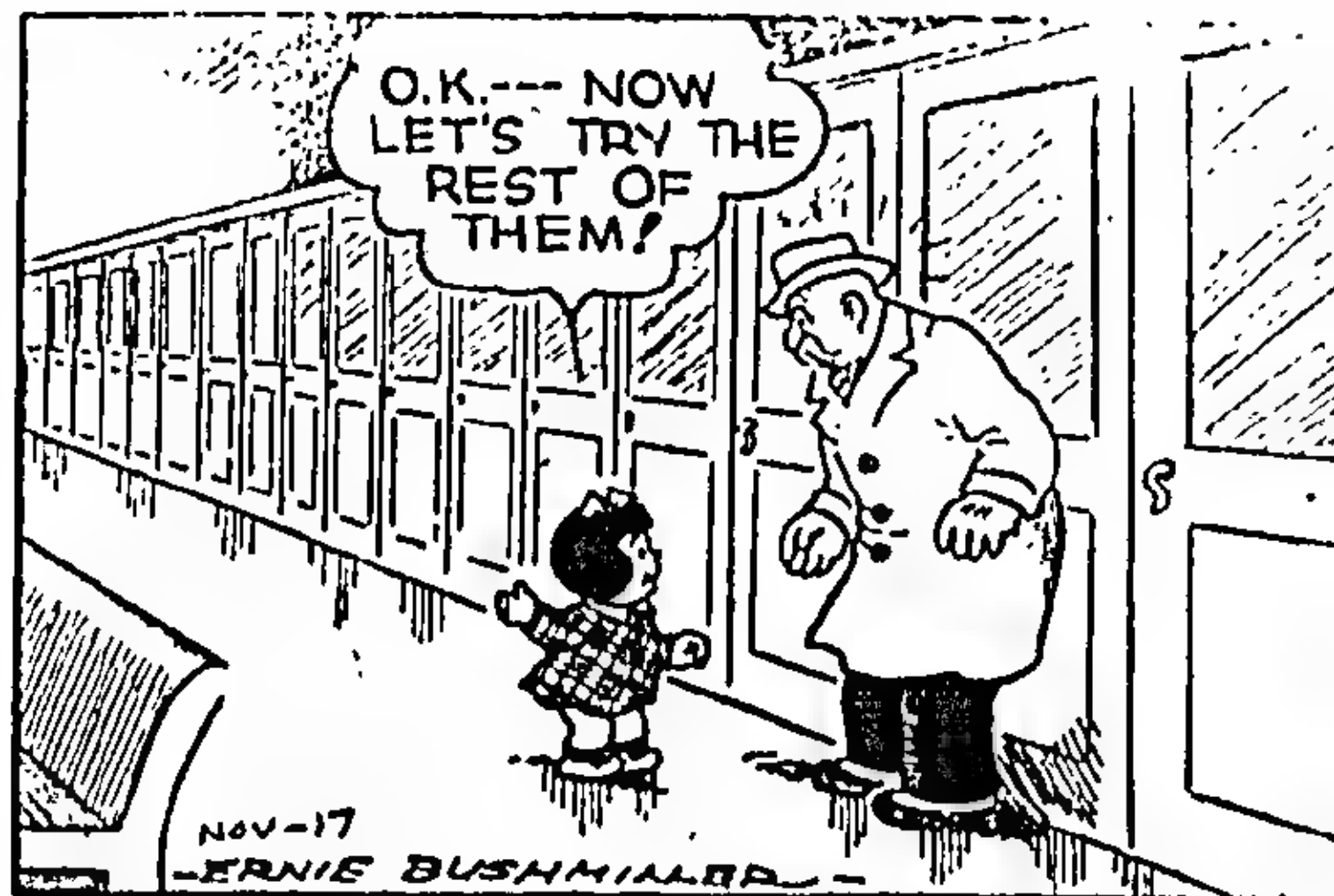
Various steps had been taken to help the bowler, yet as far as the game was concerned the most unsatisfactory aspect was the bowling. He appealed to bowlers to pay greater attention to accuracy, and instanced the success of O'Reilly, whose greatness he maintained was due to his accuracy.

Boat Race Date

THE annual Inter-University Boat Race will take place over the historic Putney-to-Mortlake course on Saturday, April 1. The state of the tide on that day will necessitate a start from the University Slane at about 10.30 a.m.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Local Soccer Fixtures For The Week-End

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MATCHES ANNOUNCED

The following are the fixtures arranged by the Hongkong Football Association for to-day, to-morrow and the Christmas holidays.

TO-DAY

Junior Shield Replay
21st R.A. v. R.A.O.C. (Sookun-poo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Molyneux.
TO-MORROW
Third Division (A)
30th R.A. v. Stanley (Military, 4 p.m.). Referee: Walsh.
Third Division (B)
R.A.M.C. v. Stonecutters W/S. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Francis.

SATURDAY

First Division
Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 4 p.m.). Referee: Ip. Lineament: J. Somerville and Stone.
St. Joseph's v. Club (St. Joseph's, 1 p.m.). Referee: Hooper. Lineament: McLaughlin and Sze Po-wai.
Middlesex v. South China (Sookun-poo, 4 p.m.). Referee: Finch. Lineament: Purnell and Wilson.
Police v. South China "B" (Dunmurry Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: H. Liffe. Lineament: W. Somerville and Dove.
Navy v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.). Referee: Wilken and Barretto.

Second Division

Police v. R.A.O.C. (Boundary Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Clark.
St. Joseph's v. Club (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Steadman.
Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Ottaway.
Middlesex v. South China (Sookun-poo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Fossick.
5th R.A. v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: MacGormac.
Eastern v. R. Engineers (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Hayelaur.

Third Division (A)

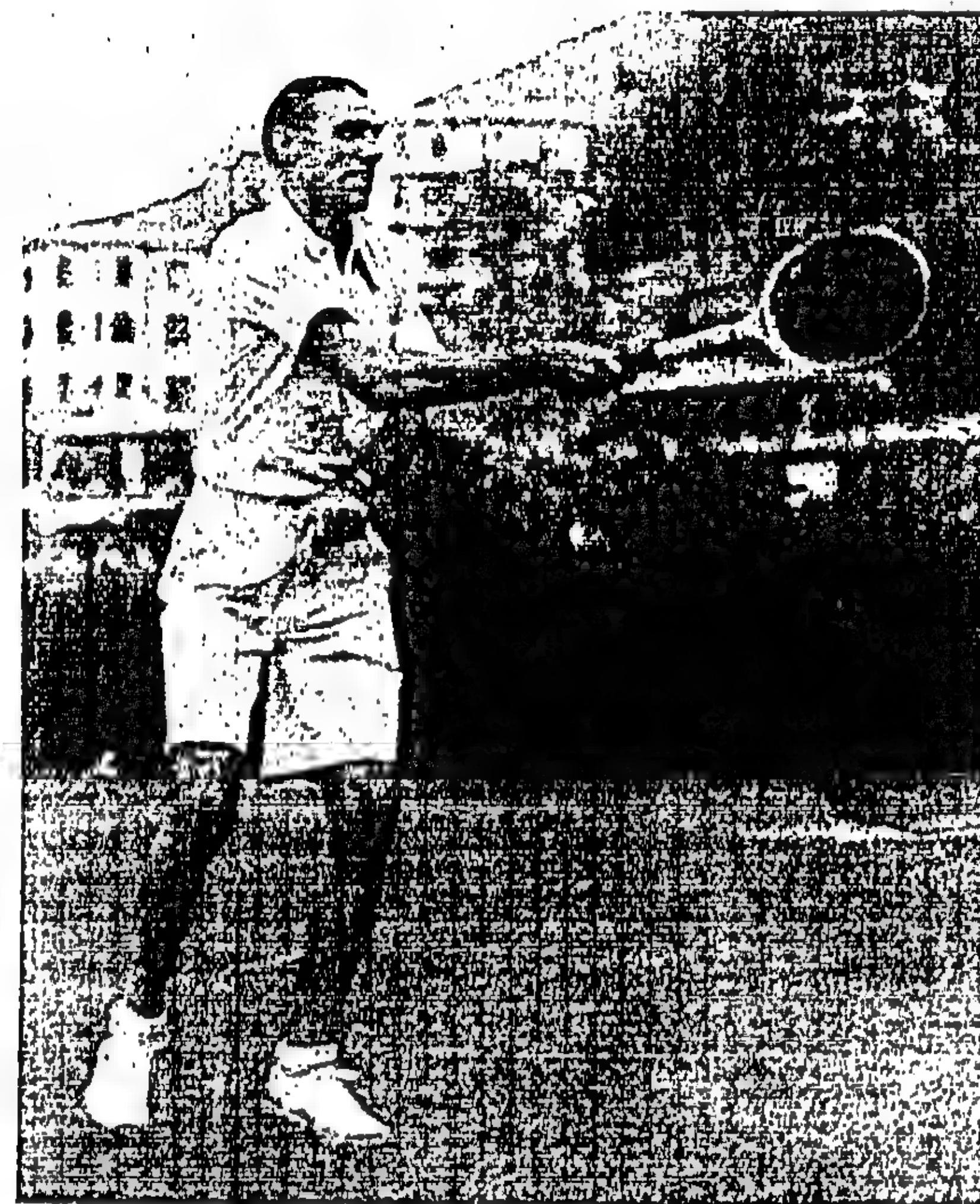
Royal Scots v. Electric (Military, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Silva.
South China v. R.A.S.C. (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee: MacLott.

Third Division (B)

R.E. (F) v. Signals (Canham, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Demme.
R.A.F. v. Stonecutters (Prince Edward Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Mellgren.

ESCOBAR BEATEN

Washington, Dec. 20
In a 10-round bout to-night Al Mancini, 121 lb., of Providence, gained the decision over Sixto Escobar, 121 lb., of Puerto Rico. The fight was not for the title as Mancini failed by 14 oz. to make weight.—United Press.



Note the determined look on W. A. H. Duff's face as he smiles the ball. Picture was taken at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday when Duff and Mrs Taylor won the Colony mixed doubles tennis.—Photo by Jaffer.

NAVAL SAILING

Results Of Ah King Cup Series On Sunday

The following were the results of the 5th. race in the Ah King Cup series held on Sunday last: 1, Gina (Lieut. Medd); 2, Brum; 3, Lorryn (Lieut. Edmonds).

Whiteruff (Lieut.-Comdr. Hall), Mary Ann II (Lieut. Farnham), Stear (Lieut. Simpson), Lutine (Squadron-Leader Meyrick), Dunlin (Lieut.-Comdr. Nicholls) and Cristina were other contestants.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—An honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier pioneer, his self-sacrificing wife and their straggling son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Pauline Goddard, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Charles Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Fay Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor, has seen his "feeble icebox" invention stolen and is persuaded by the servant that by not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support. Claude Rains, Kay Johnson, Jackie Cooper, Donita Granville, Henry O'Neill and James Stephenson are the supporters.

"Pride of the West" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Hopalong Cassidy, Clarence Mulford's famous character, in another thrilling story by the master of "Western" fiction. Bill Boyd again takes the role of the

Hockey

University Defeated At Macao

Good Recovery In Second Half

Macao, Dec. 20.
Macao's second eleven secured a well-earned victory against the Hongkong University in a hockey match played here this afternoon, scores at close of play being four goals to two.

Play was extremely fast throughout and both sides were in fine form. Macao commenced the attack but the defence was equal to the situation counter attacking with equal vigour. Santos Ferreira, Macao's pivot, proved himself a stalwart player, stalemating the University's efforts to open the score. In ten minutes, the local side had obtained the upper hand when Borges, inside right, broke past Tam and Leou and registered with an easy shot. Macao was credited with a second goal when Gustavo Silva took the ball on his own into the enemy citadel and getting past the goalie, Gupta.

A feature of the second half was the strenuous attacks by University forwards who missed a fine chance in a short corner. Gonçalves, inside left, added a third goal to Macao's score and a fourth was soon secured for the home team. Undiscouraged, the visitors persevered and Ling, the University centre-forward, made no mistake from a pass. The last goal was registered by Tan, outside-right for the University, who directed a flying ball clean between Macao's goal-posts.

University.—Gupta; Tam, Leou; Soares, Teoh, Hui; Tan, K. S. Oh, Ling, Chiang, Hans Raj.

Macao.—Sarmiento; Batista, J. Rosario; J. Silva, Santos Ferreira, Noronha; Manhao, Borges, G. Silva, Gonçalves, C. Rosario.—Our Own Correspondent.

Cotton Bill May Become Law Soon

London, Dec. 20.
Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons to-day that he hoped it would be possible early in the New Year to complete the drafting of the Lancashire Cotton Enabling Bill, when those concerned would have an opportunity of expressing their considered views.

If the Government was then satisfied that a substantial majority of the industry was in favour of the decisions, it was the Government's desire to pass the Bill into law this session.—Reuter.

cowboy who likes to see the ends of justice met.

"Fire Over England" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Alexander Korda's splendid production returns. Well-made and good entertainment. "Rascals" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—June Withers, another of the child-stars so common these days, romps through this picture in light-hearted fashion.

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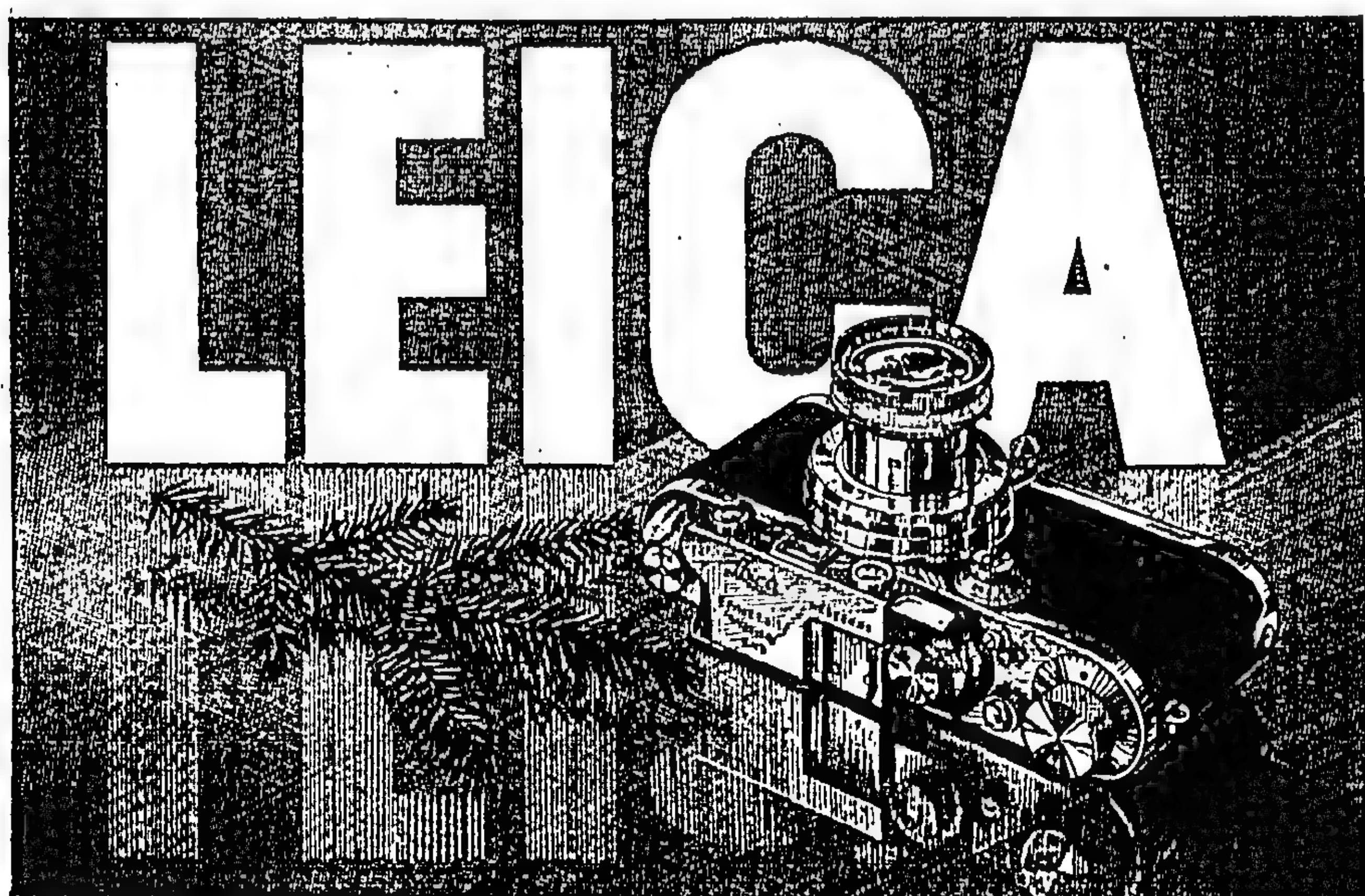
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Woman's Fair Opened At Olympia



LONDON'S most spectacular show recently opened its doors at Olympia Woman's Fair. It includes everything which interests women—and most of it interests men, too. On this page are glimpses of some of its attractions. (Above) Four of the striking creations in the fashion parade; (left) the latest in bathing and swim suits.



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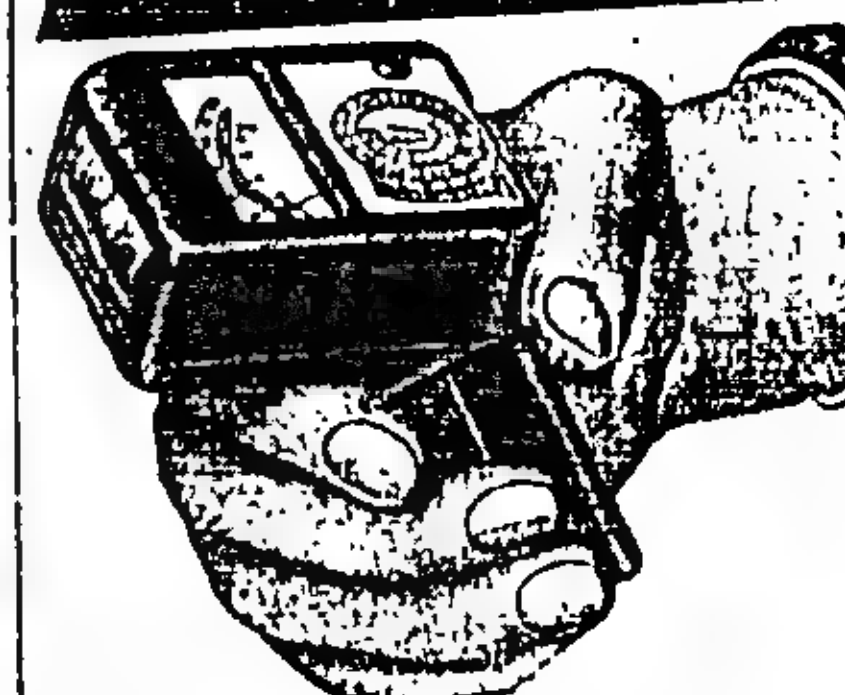


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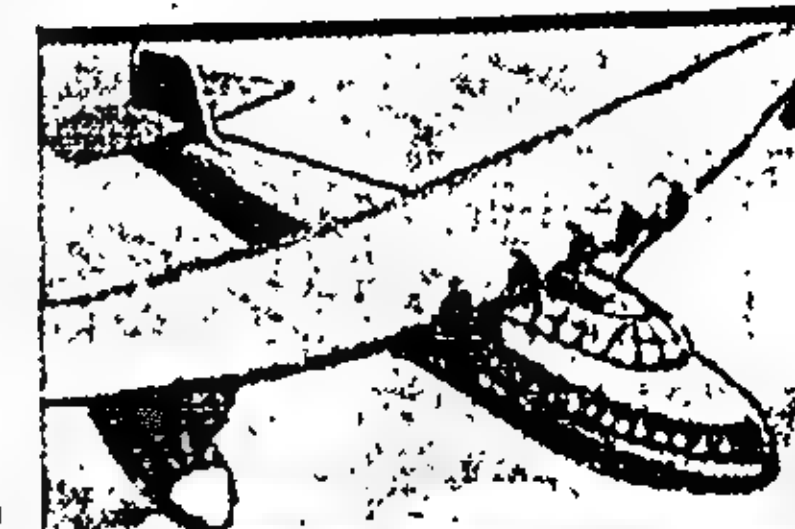
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General Elections May Follow Cabinet Schism

LONDON, Dec. 20. SERIOUS DIFFERENCES of opinion within the British Cabinet will lead to an early election, according to the "Evening News" to-night, which states that such a step by Mr. Chamberlain would clarify the political atmosphere, and also strengthen the position of the Prime Minister and his main collaborators.

The growing Cabinet crisis was the main topic of discussion to-day in political and press circles.

An increasing amount of criticism is being directed at the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the "Evening News" writing: "The prevailing impression is that Hore-Belisha will go. The accusation levelled against him is that while he makes confident speeches and has kept himself in the public eye, nothing has been done in his Ministry."

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. W. S. Morrison was attacked at Ipswich this afternoon by the National Farmers' Union, which passed a resolution expressing disapproval over "Mr. Morrison's attempts to occupy himself with agricultural problems." — *Trans-Ocean*.

PARLIAMENTARY UNEASINESS

London, Dec. 20. Reports of the resignation of a number of Ministers and a possible early general election were investigated to-day by "Reuter's" lobby correspondent, who writes that the representations of some of the junior Ministers, and that it is improbable that anything more will be heard of the matter before the recess.

A general election within a few months is distinctly probable, as nothing is more calculated to delay the re-arrangement programme at what is admittedly still a critical period.

There is a measure of parliamentary uneasiness over the present state of national defence, but this is not necessarily because of default by the Ministers responsible. This feeling is assisted by the fact that much of

the work and progress is not disclosed.

A Ministry for Supply and a compulsory register continue to find their advocates, while there are members who doubt the wisdom and usefulness of the Premier's visit to Rome. Collectively, these dissensions produce an atmosphere of political unsettlement which does not go very deep when examined.

The most probable outcome appears to be that just before Parliament re-assembles on January 31, there will be a reshuffle of certain offices in accordance with the intention which the Premier is believed to have held for some time.

Neither Lord Maugham nor Viscount Runciman originally wished to remain indefinitely in the Government. Lord Winterton has not had a happy parliamentary passage during the present year, and therefore he comes into the list of forecast resignations.

Inasmuch as the Premier's investigations into junior Ministers' complaints might not convince him of the validity of their allegations, the names of those Ministers cannot be excluded from a list of possible changes. — *Reuter*.

Pan-American Talks Proceed Slowly

Lima, Dec. 20. The opinion is held here that the Pan-American Conference is proceeding slowly owing to introduction of foreign problems such as Spain into the scope of discussions.

Another factor is the sudden departure of the Argentine Foreign Minister whose movements have given rise to rumours. — *Reuter*.

HOME OFFICE 'CRAMPING' A. R. P.

MORE than nine months ago the Home Office were invited to sponsor a special A.R.P. section at the Public Health Services Congress and Exhibition, which opened at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., recently.

It took them five months to reply and reject the proposition, although the galleries of the hall would have been at their disposal free of charge. They declined on the ground that they were too busy.

They missed the opportunity of getting into personal contact with the hundreds of representatives of local authorities who will be visiting the exhibition during its five days' run.

AWAITING APPROVAL

Said one Midland official: "Since the crisis we have been inundated by pamphlets and memoranda from the Home Office stating what they think is our duty towards A.R.P."

"But they refuse to indicate how much of the expenditure they ask us

will rank for Government grant."

"I was in touch with a firm making light trailer fire engines," said another. "They were exactly what we wanted, and were made, we were told, to Home Office specifications, but they are still waiting 'approval'."

The representative of a firm making fire-fighting apparatus said: "If we could get an order for thousands of these things we could cut the price considerably, but they ask us for 200, then later 100, or perhaps 50."

The President of the Board of Education, Earl De La Warr, speaking at the congress, said: "Fears have been expressed that the drive for re-arrangement may make necessary cuts in social services."

"The Prime Minister has already denied that this is either the policy or the desire of the Government, but of these lines of development on which there can be no let-up, the health of the future generation stands out above all."

"No armaments will save the British Empire unless British youth is properly equipped physically as well as mentally to face the future."

Baby's Fall From Train

Sat Between Rails In Tunnel

A Five mother was detained by Edinburgh City Police, recently, following the discovery of her 21-months-old baby on the main Edinburgh-Perth railway line at Inverkeithing.

The train, which is due at the Waverley Station at 7.20 p.m., was stopped by the pulling of the communication cord, and when the guard was investigating the cause, a young woman rushed up to him and shouted that her baby had fallen from the train.

Her appeals that a search should be made for the baby were promptly replied to by the railway officials.

From North Queensferry word was sent to Inverkeithing, the next station along the line, and the stationmaster there immediately arranged a search. Railway employees set out along the track and within a few minutes found the baby in the tunnel outside Inverkeithing.

A SLIGHT BRUISE

It was sitting up between the rails and the only injury it had received was a slight bruise above the right eye.

The stationmaster carried the child back to his own house where it was cared for by his wife overnight.

The railway police were communicated with, and it was decided to take the woman into custody. The train was met at Edinburgh by members of the Edinburgh City Police, and the woman was taken to police headquarters in the High Street, where she remained overnight.

The woman, it is understood, lives in lodgings in Rosyth.

Before the baby was found in the tunnel, a train from Inverkeithing to Glasgow passed through. It is assumed that the baby in factively crouched against the side of the tunnel.

Shopkeepers Plan Own "Police"

RESIDENTS of Kenton, Middlesex, are discussing plans to form themselves into a protection corps to guard their homes in a fresh outbreak of burglaries in the district.

For more than a year burglars have been at work. Recently a fresh wave started and now residents are arranging that when they go out at night, they will be called in to act as watchmen.

The thieves are believed to belong to one gang and to work with skeleton crews.

Mr. C. S. S. of Moorhouse Road, Kenton Park, said: "Every penny of my housekeeping money was stolen although I was out of the house for a few minutes only."

Mr. C. L. L., radio dealer, of Greenbury Circle, Kenton, said: "Nearly every one of the 40 odd shops in this parish has been robbed not once but two or three times in the last year. We have to keep changing the locks on all our doors."

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20th C. Fox Picture "WOMAN ALONE"

"Floating Nursery" Trip
for 600 Children

Liverpool.
Last month saw the end of 21 happy play days on board a "floating nursery" for 600 soldiers' children who arrived here from Bombay in the liner *Californian*.
Their fathers are men of the Buffs, the Bedfordshires, the Hertfordshires, and the Hampshire, who have been left in India to be ready for duties in Palestine.
Forty of the children, whose ages range from two to ten, have never seen England before. They were born in India.
Special cots had been fitted in their mothers' bunks for the smaller children, and the ship was provisioned with special supplies of children's foods.
"One curious thing is that laughing became a distinct effort."

6 Hours in Dug-Out

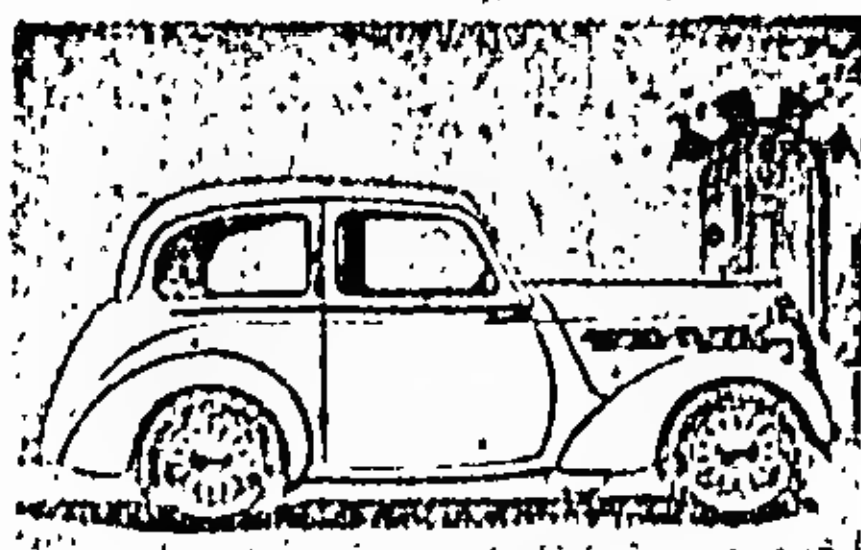
Three Sattion, Surrey, men spent six hours in a 25s. sealed dug-out recently. They took gas-masks with them, but did not use them until they had been in the chamber for four hours.

Mr. L. Powers Wallis, borough A.R.P. officer, said afterwards: "In the last hour we found it almost impossible to keep a match alight because of the absence of oxygen. But with our respirators on we were not inconvenienced, and we felt fine when we came out."

"One curious thing is that laughing became a distinct effort."

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25 DIE IN BRITAIN AS COLD GRIPS EUROPE IN RECORD FROST WAVE

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SERIOUS PLIGHT OF GERMAN REFUGEES

LONDON, DEC. 20.
AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN BRITAIN AS A RESULT OF THE COLD WAVE THAT HAS GRIPPED THE WHOLE OF EUROPE.

Europe's total toll exceeds 150.

Twenty-three have died in France, two in Hungary and three in Czecho-Slovakia.

In one town alone in Poland, over seventy people have been frozen to death, the centre being Lodz.

Ten Jewish refugees, among the many thousand encamped on the Polish-German frontier, have died from influenza and exposure.

Violent gales to-day swept the Black Sea, Baltic and North Sea.

Temperatures in parts of England, France and Germany established new low records, and winter crops in the three countries have been extensively ruined.

Pensions In Hongkong

Colossal Increase Sets New Record

MEMBERS OF THE Legislative Council at the meeting to-morrow will be asked to vote a further \$437,177 to the Colony's expenditure.

Of the extra expenditure Civil Service Pensions comprise \$280,000.

This is additional to the \$1,750,000 dollars already provided for in the estimates.

Draft estimates for Police Pensions this year are Police Pensions \$425,000 and Widow's and Orphan's Pensions \$325,000.

This means the Colony's total pension bill in 1938 is \$2,790,000, the highest in Hongkong's history.

Total pensions paid in 1931 were \$1,228,000 and in 1937 \$675,903.

Thus the amount has been doubled in the last seven years and more than quadrupled in eleven years.

The revised estimate of expenditure this year is \$35,155,355 and with the additional amount to be considered at to-morrow's meeting the total becomes \$35,593,432.

On this basis Hongkong's Pension Bill is almost exactly one-twelfth of the total expenditure of the Colony.

With the passing of each year the burden has grown heavier and heavier.

In 1920 only \$200,320 was paid to retired Civil Servants. By 1935 this had increased to \$2,070,000.

In 15 years the increase was 788 per cent.

Hongkong's Pension Bill has been increased by more than 1,000 per cent. since 1920.

Expenditure 18 years ago was \$200,320, compared with \$2,790,000 this year.

H.M.S. Suffolk Land Smallpox Cases

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
H.M.S. Suffolk arrived here yesterday from Weihaiwei with nine cases of smallpox aboard.

The victims were rushed to the isolation hospital.—United Press.

The Story Of A Lady's Purse

WHEN MRS. L. R. SHORE, of 548 The Peak, entered a lift on the ground floor of the Gloucester Hotel yesterday she had a purse.

When Mrs. Shore left the lift on the eighth floor she was no longer in possession of a purse.

A report of the loss has been made to the police.

Japan and War With Russia

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

JAPAN MEANS to do everything in her power to secure the exercise of her fishery rights in Soviet territorial waters.

This statement was issued by the Foreign Minister, Mr. K. Arita, to-day.

The fishery rights, Mr. Arita contended, had been granted by treaty provisions.

(The treaty between Soviet Russia and Japan expires on December 31. Russia refuses to renew it until Japan pays outstanding amounts owing to the Soviet for Manchurian railways).

"It is a war with Soviet Russia inevitable," Mr. Arita was asked by a foreign press correspondent.

"I am not at liberty to reply to such a question," the Minister said.

—Domei.

Germany's inland waters are frozen over, and hundreds of tugs and steamers are ice-bound. The Elbe River is choked with ice which extends from Hamburg to the North Sea.

Shipping has been completely paralysed at Memel and other Baltic ports. All North Sea coastal traffic has been tied-up by storms and gales.

Transportation in Holland has virtually ceased with the freezing over of waterways.

The Zuider Zee is a solid mass of ice.

Communication between Terschelling and Ameland is completely interrupted except for aeroplanes, which are carrying passengers.

Many Dutch towns dependent upon waterways are completely isolated.

Violent snow storms and accompanying drifts have completely halted the war in Spain. On the Catalan front zero had been reduced to complete zero.—United Press.

'My Son Thinks He Has Let Me Down'

"MY SON is in no trouble. He just thinks, in a way, that he has let me down about something," said Mr. John Egan when interviewed by a "Telegraph" representative to-day concerning the disappearance of his son, Ronald John Egan.

Yesterday morning, Egan, who is 20 years of age, left the home of his parents at No. 36, Hillwood Road, Kowloon, to go to work at the Radio Workshop in Wanchai.

At 1.30 p.m., his father found a letter from the young man, in which he disclosed that he was leaving the Colony because his employment at the Workshop was to be terminated in three months' time.

When Mr. Egan was informed to-day that rumours indicated his son was still in the Colony, he said: "We really do not know where he is."

"My wife and various friends are spending to-day making enquiries throughout the Colony."

"And of course, the matter is being made a subject of enquiry by the Police."

Ronald Egan was a former pupil at the Central British School. His sister is Mrs. Doris Woodcraft.

Mr. Egan is an electrical engineer at H.M. Naval Yard.

Television For Orient Next Year

TELEVISION WILL COME to the Far East early next year.

A "Domei" message from Tokyo states that Station J.O.A.K., which is easily audible in Hongkong, had tentatively decided to start test broadcasts in television in March, preparatory to inauguration of a regular service.

An appropriation of 970,000 yen has been approved by the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, owners of the Tokyo station, for the projected service.

The "Domei" message does not state whether the television broadcasts will be made on medium waves, short waves, or ultra short waves. If the former two are used the television broadcasts should be easily picked up in Hongkong. It is probable, however, that ultra short wave, which has only a quasi-optical range, will be used for the service, due to the large band spread required for this type of broadcast.

FRENCH NAVAL BASE IN ORIENT

Work Commences At Cam-Ranh

HANOI, Dec. 21

FRANCE HAS TAKEN definite steps to commence the scheme for turning Cam-ranh Bay, in Indo China, into a great naval base.

The area surrounding Cam-ranh has now been proclaimed a special zone, to which no person or ship can gain admittance without permission.

The area includes, in addition to Cam-ranh Bay, several islands lying between 13 and 13.40 degrees north.

Military observers believe that when the fortification of the bay and surrounding islands is completed, France will possess one of the strongest naval bases in the Pacific.

It is almost certain that a large French fleet, which will probably include battleships, will be stationed at the new base.

Cam-ranh Bay is one of the greatest natural bays in the world, rivaling Sydney Harbour and Rio de Janeiro.

It is recalled that this bay was used in the Russo-Japanese War by the Russian Baltic fleet as a temporary base for the disastrous advance into the Sea of Japan.—Domei.

Racketeers Attempt To Swindle China Unearthed

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

AN ATTEMPT TO SELL two million out-of-date U.S. Army rifles to the Chinese Government, which was frustrated by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was one of the deals which the McKesson, Robbins Corporation sought to make during the fantastic mal-administration of affairs brought to light by the suicide of Philip Musica.

This new revelation of the ramifications of the venerable American drug firm was brought to light during the Grand Jury investigation into the affairs of the Corporation.

When Musica learned that the Chinese Army wanted two million rifles, Ben Simon, a New York broker, was deputised to carry through the transaction.

Then it was discovered that Simon, an individual, could not obtain a licence under the U.S. Neutrality Act to export rifles to China.

The McKesson, Robbins Corporation was then brought into the picture.

Samples of the guns were sent to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

When he refused to purchase the rifles the deal fell through.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE

Even more sensational disclosures are promised by the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Ambrose McCall, who is conducting the investigations. Federal investigators, he claims, have uncovered wholesale arms and ammunition deals which may involve living persons.

Mr. Gregory F. Noonan, Acting United States Attorney General, to-day disclosed to the Grand Jury the methods whereby Coster, or Musica, was able to foist records of alleged deals in the Crude Drug Department of the McKesson, Robbins Corporation on unsuspecting officials.

He printed scurrilous Dunbrad Street reports. These scurrilous reports were accepted without question and, in fact, formed the basis of an audit submitted to the New York Stock Exchange in 1937.

Testimony was also produced by the New York State Attorney that Musica was an autocratic executive, whose decisions were seldom questioned.

Former Convict

Musica, or Coster, as he became known when he took control of the McKesson, Robbins Corporation, killed himself in his country home in Connecticut when "G" Men were on their way to arrest him.

It became known then that he was a former convict by the name of Musica.

In America's "Who's Who," Coster provided himself with a brilliant biography.

His three brothers are now in prison.

His widow, who says she was unaware of his real identity, to-day filed an application for admission of (Continued on Page 4.)



HOLOCAUST IN A PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.—This graphic photograph shows the centre of Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, ablaze after a Japanese air raid. The entire centre of the city was razed by incendiary bombs.

CZARIST LEADER LASHES AT NAZIS

PARIS, Dec. 20.

FOR THE FIRST TIME revealing that Czarist Russians may prefer the Soviet form of Government in their lost country to Totalitarianism, a famous White Russian leader launched a bitter attack on Hitler to-day.

General A. Deniken, who is the only surviving leader of Russia's White Army in the war against the Bolsheviks in 1917, created a sensation to-day by denouncing the movement for Ukrainian independence.

The virile, 70-year-old White leader warned Russian emigres in Paris that the movement to attain "Ukrainian independence from Soviet Russia was but part of 'Hitler's March to the East.'"

He revealed that Herr Hitler had offered joint leadership of the independence movement to himself and General Gourke two years ago.

"We refused to become a tool for Herr Hitler," General Deniken declared.

He urged all Czarist Russians to avoid participation in the movement which, he declared, would merely end in the Ukraine becoming a German vassal.

Deniken is probably one of the most powerful White Russians in exile to-day. He is 70, but is as virile as the crisply-pointed wings of his moustache and energetic walk of his stocky figure suggest.

SOVIET SEEKS FRENCH ASSURANCES

Paris, Dec. 20.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Jacot Souritz, to-day visited the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, and asked for a definition of French policy towards the Ukrainian independence movement.

M. Souritz particularly asked for information regarding the attitude France would adopt in the event of conflict.—United Press.

Germans Build Navy Bases In Spain

London, Dec. 21.

Loyalist news agencies in Barcelona claim that the Germans have constructed powerful naval bases at Pasaia, El Ferrol, Villa Garcia and Malaga.

These bases directly threaten Britain's life-line through the Mediterranean.

They provide accommodation, at a minute's notice, for large concentrations of submarines.

The bases are said to be thoroughly modern, and are hidden from aerial or naval attack.

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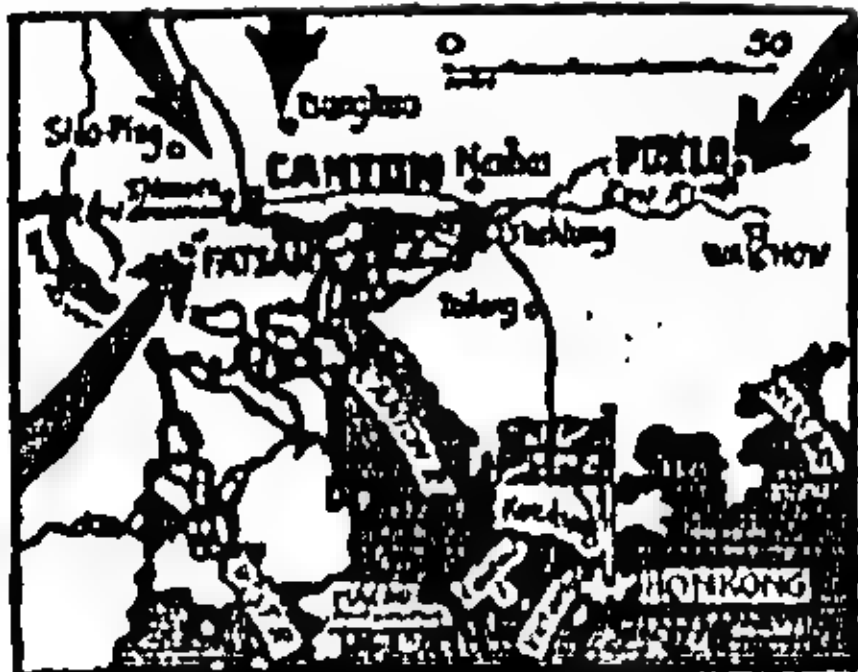
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FAITHFUL CHINESE SERVANTS BRING STRICKEN PRIEST TO H.K.

CANTON FACES CHINESE SIEGE



THIS MAP shows the situation at Canton, where the Japanese garrison is panicking at the possibility of being annihilated by superior Chinese forces advancing on the city. The Japanese, according to Chinese claims, have been completely cleared from the East River area.

CANTON PUPPET SEES NEWSMEN

CANTON, Dec. 21.
IN HIS FIRST INTERVIEW with newspapermen following his installation as the Chairman of the newly-inaugurated Canton puppet Government Peng Tung-yuan said that the only objective in his mind at the present moment was to realise friendly co-operation between Japan and China.

"As people will not be able to understand me unless they are informed of what I have experienced and studied in the past, I don't want to talk much at this time," he said.

"The time will come in future when I shall be able to explain my policies fully," he said. There still existed a wide gulf in civilisation between Japan and China, Peng pointed out, adding that one of his hopes in assuming the chairmanship of the new Canton regime was to bridge the gulf.

The late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, father of China's modern revolution, understood well the ties existing between Japan and China, Mr. Peng continued, but after the Kuomintang has come to power, Chinese statesmen have forgotten the fact that Japan is the benefactor of China.

Questioned regarding the possible relations between the Canton regime and the new governments in North and Central China, Mr. Peng said, "It is quite simple. If we carry out right policies in South China, people in North and Central China will follow us."

"On the contrary, if the new regimes in the North and Central will carry out right policies, we are ready to follow them," he added. —Domel.

Rumanian Minister Tenders Resignation

Bucharest, Dec. 20.
The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Petrescu-Curomeni, tendered his resignation from the Government to King Carol this evening. It is assumed that the King will accept the resignation, and it is predicted that his successor will be the director of the newspaper "Timbul," M. Gafencu. —Trans-Ocean.

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Victim of Paralysis Is Carried from Sheklung

HELPLESS WITH PARALYSIS, FATHER MANCINI, COURAGEOUS BELGIAN PRIEST IN CHARGE OF THE LEPROSARIUM IN SHEKLUNG, IS BEING BROUGHT TO HONGKONG BY FAITHFUL CHINESE PORTERS.

Sheklung is 35 miles from Canton, nearly sixty miles from the Hongkong frontier.

Along this hazardous route, infested with guerillas and bandits, Father Mancini is being brought to Hongkong on a stretcher, the only available means of transport.

The journey has already taken the party three days. The venerable Belgian priest lies absolutely helpless on his stretcher, his legs, arms and face completely paralysed.

Runners have brought details of the journey down the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the latest information being that the party, which started out from Sheklung three days ago, is about 25 miles from the border city of Shum Chun.

An ambulance is standing by at Sheungshui, six miles from the border.

It has been waiting there since Monday, and will proceed to the border as soon as news is brought that the priest and his faithful carriers are nearing the end of their journey.

Lepers from Hongkong, in addition to those from Kwangtung, are sent to the Sheklung leprosarium, where the unfortunate are tenderly cared for by Catholic priests and sisters. When the Japanese occupied the city, the priests and sisters refused to abandon their charges.

The leprosarium, cut off from the outside world, ran short of food and medical supplies. Soon conditions became desperate.

Ten days ago the climax was reached, when renegade Chinese troops looted and sacked the buildings. The looters took everything of value, including blankets, clothing and furniture. Father Mancini and the French Mission sisters were not molested by the renegades, and immediately the looters decamped, they set about reorganising their charges.

Father Mancini was being desperately ill for several weeks, but repeatedly refused to leave his post. Then, a week ago, his condition became serious and the sisters decided that he must be removed to Hongkong at once.

Chinese employees at the leprosarium volunteered to carry the stricken priest to the British Colony, and set out on Sunday.

The Catholic sisters are remaining, alone with 800 lepers, in Sheklung. Father Mancini has been at Sheklung ten years.

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Mystery Of A Diplomatic Valise

London, Dec. 20.
The mystery of a diplomatic valise (the nature of which is not disclosed) is revealed in an authoritative statement that a package containing incriminating matter was found by the Spanish frontier authorities at Irún in a consular bag despatched from the British vice-consul at San Sebastian to the British Embassy at St. Jean de Luz.

A full investigation is being made by the authorities with the co-operation and full assistance of the British authorities on the spot.

Although Mr. Harold Goodman, the vice-consul at San Sebastian was himself carrying the package referred to, no suggestion is made in any quarter that he was otherwise in any way personally implicated in the incident. —Reuter.

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RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN CONCESSIONS TIGHTENED UP SPOKESMAN MAKES CLEAR JAPAN'S DEMANDS

Tientsin Makes Preparations For An Emergency

PEIPING, DEC. 20.

COLONEL SHIGEYASU, SPECIAL STAFF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN THE COURSE OF A LONG INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS TO-DAY, CLARIFIED THE JAPANESE ATTITUDE TO THE CONCESSIONS.

He said that foreigners with passports were permitted to enter and leave the Concessions by day and night.

The object of the searches at the boundary was merely to check the passage of undesirable Chinese, and also of certain foreigners who were black-listed for their connection with Chinese, Communist and other anti-Japanese organisations.

He said that recent cases where foreigners were refused transit were due to sentries exceeding their orders, since it was not intended to interfere with foreign residents and travellers.

He added that the searching was being undertaken because the Japanese were dissatisfied with the practical results of previous representations to the foreign authorities to control anti-Japanese activities in the Concessions, to which the foreign authorities agreed in principle, but the results were not as desired. Hence the Japanese were compelled to resort to stronger methods on Japanese-controlled territory.

Asked why food supplies had been prevented from entering the Concession, the spokesman stated that the Japanese never gave such orders, which were against the principles of humanity. Possibly the sentries again exceeded their orders.

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co-operation by the Concession authorities as a departure from neutrality.

Asked whether imprisonment or expulsion of anti-Japanese elements by Concession authorities would be considered co-operation, the Japanese spokesman said: "No. Imprisonment or expulsion is not enough. The culprits must be handed over to the Chinese police."—United Press.

TIENTSIN PREPARES

Tientsin, Dec. 21. Special Sino-Japanese measures on the borders of the British and French areas continue unchanged, with evidence of them being tightened up, when a delivery of the "Peiping and Tientsin Times" outside of the concessions was prevented.

Concession residents are calmly making preparations for emergency measures, including investigation into food stocks, though foodstuffs are still coming in in fair quantities. Colonel Hataka, the Japanese army spokesman from Peiping was bombarded with questions at a press conference yesterday. He declared that the situation bears a political nature, hence he was unable to answer the questions.

Admiral Sugiyama, accompanied by General Dohara, inspected the Japanese garrison and barracks on the Concession borders on Monday.

"ORDINARY" PRECAUTIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 21. A declaration that the measures taken by the Japanese military authorities on the borders of the French Concession and the Special Administrative Districts in Hankow, were only "ordinary precautions in view of the presence of anti-Japanese elements," was made by a Japanese military spokesman yesterday.

The spokesman added that neither at Hankow nor Tientsin was there

any "scheme to place restrictions on foreigners."—Reuter.

HOT CRITICISM BY "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS"

Shanghai, Dec. 21. The "North China Daily News" in an editorial to-day says: "Mr. Arita deceives himself if he believes for one moment that the latest statement concerning Japanese policy in China carries any real conviction. The declaration consists of words, rendered entirely meaningless by the facts, which are all too well-known, and which eloquently deny the statements he makes."

"Whatever may be the Japanese Government's declared intention, the facts show that they, or their agents, are bent upon a policy of definite exploitation of China, its people, and its resources."

"If it is believed that Mr. Arita's gentle blandishment is likely to stem the rising tide of indignation which is being felt in many quarters, then disappointment must follow."

"An accumulation of the wrongs committed by Japan against British interests is leading to a very proper stiffening of attitude by the British Government. The same is happening in the United States."

"It is necessary for Japan to realise that there are limits to foreign patience."—United Press.

New Ceremonial Dress For Army

London, Dec. 20. The King at Buckingham Palace this morning inspected the suggested new ceremonial dress for the army. A party of soldiers wearing the new dress went to the Palace where the King spent some time looking at uniforms.—British Wireless.

Swiss Police Break Up Big Spy Plot

Montreux, Dec. 20. Swiss police operations carried on near the French frontier yesterday, were concerned with a "big espionage conspiracy." It was announced to-day. A large number of refugees trying to cross into Haute and Savoie from Geneva were intercepted. A former dancing girl of Italian origin and four men were arrested. Whether the alleged espionage was on behalf of France or Italy, is not known. Many documents were seized.—Reuter.

Japanese Bonds Sold In Hawaii

U.S. Authorities May Take Proceedings

HONOLULU, Dec. 20. THE SECURITY Exchange Commission representative, Mr. Roger Kent, has announced that an investigation disclosed that an estimated 500,000 yen worth of unregistered Emergency Japanese Bond issue has been sold in Hawaii, in violation of the S.E.C. laws.

He stated that an agent of the Japanese Government in Hawaii had offered the bonds.

An issue of about 1,000,000 yen was originally offered. Mr. Roger Kent said it was not decided whether to criminally prosecute the persons selling the bonds. However, violation of the law carries with it a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine, or five years imprisonment.

The bond offer was to expire in the New Year.

Mr. Kent is known to have subpoenaed at least six people, and the hearing which started on Monday is continuing. He said that no official agencies offered the bonds, which were supposedly distributed by Japanese societies.

Meanwhile other sources indicate that large sums of money have been flowing from Hawaii to Japan during recent months, representing patriotic donations to the War Ministry. However, some of them undoubtedly were for covering the bonds.—United Press.

Mayor Guardia Has Eye Blacked

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. A TALL, stocky, grey-haired man named Jimmy Hagen plunged through the crowd to-day and struck and knocked down Mayor La Guardia, as he was mounting the steps of the City Hall.

Mayor La Guardia grappled with the man, and hung on to his legs, while a policeman hit the man on the mouth.

Four men then carried Hagen into the ante room of the Mayor's office, where Mr. La Guardia asked him why he hit him. Hagen replied: "You're putting the badge on me. You know this stuff that goes on on the radio all the time."

The man was taken away in an ambulance to hospital. Later it was revealed that Mayor La Guardia was not injured, except for a bruise under the eye.

It has since developed that Hagen has been under treatment as a neuritic for months. He will be observed at a hospital for ten days, and it is believed will afterwards be charged with assault and misdemeanor.—United Press.

Big Drop In Hongkong's Temperature

There was a distinct change in the temperature in Hongkong during the past 24 hours as compared with Monday, the maximum recording being 72 degrees, as against 78, and the minimum 63, compared with 65. The cooler weather continued this morning, and at 10 o'clock the thermometer registered only 65, though humidity remained high at 85 per cent.

The Royal Observatory weather report issued this morning stated that the anti-cyclone continues to decrease in intensity. Pressure is highest over South Manchuria, and is relatively low over the Philippines and the Loochoos.

Local forecast is: North and north-east winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

Czechs Deported Man "Wanted" By Nazis

Prague, Dec. 20. It is officially reported that the Czech Government has deported Peter Forster to Germany, charged with murdering a sentry at a concentration camp at Weimar from where he attempted to escape recently.

It is recalled that Forster fled to Prague, from where the Czech Government refused to deliver him to the German authorities.—United Press.



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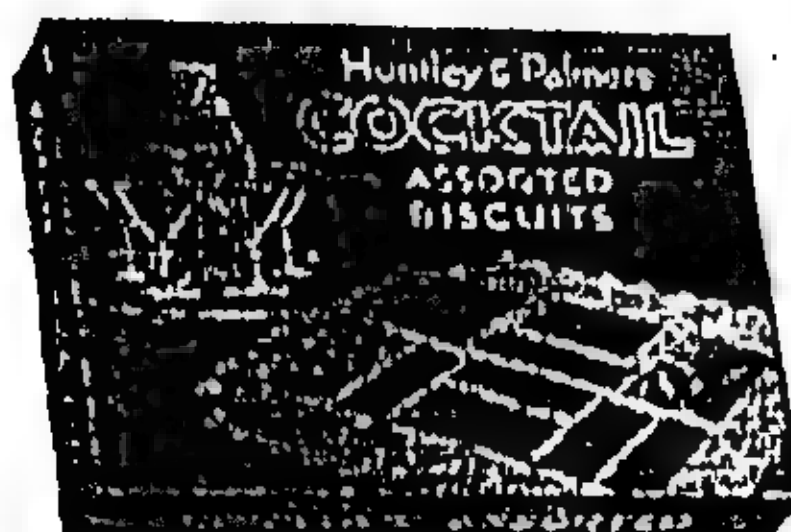
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Dishonest Builder Caught In Act

A dishonest building contractor was fined \$300 at the Central Magistracy this morning when he admitted a charge of using defective materials in the construction of a building in Kowloon.

The man was Tung Fook, of 210, Yu Chau Street.

On a second charge of building not according to plans, a fine of \$100 was imposed.

Tung appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest.

Inspector A. Brooksbank, of the Public Works Department, said that defendant had used welded iron bars for constructing a beam to support the floors of a house that was under construction.

This was noticed during one of his routine visits to the building. "If I had not noticed the incident, the work would have been covered," the Inspector said. A heavy penalty was requested, in view of the seriousness of the act.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Offensive As Soon As River Freezes

Chungking, Dec. 20.

A heavy snowstorm is reported in the north-west area, ending a spell of unusually warm winter weather, which has been holding up the freezing of the Yellow River.

It is believed that the advent of the cold weather may herald major military operations on the Yellow River front, where the Japanese are waiting for the ice-bound Yellow River in order to launch an invasion on the north-west.—Reuter.

Manchukuo To Pay More Taxes

Hsinking, Dec. 21.

In order to cover the Budget deficit, the Manchukuo Government has decided to increase taxes and the price of opium in the coming fiscal year, the Ministry of Finance announced today.

Increases in taxes will yield a total of 15,400,000, yuann while revision of the opium prices will raise an additional income of 3,200,000 yuann.

Items of the taxation to be increased, include corporation tax, and special consolidated tax.—Domei.

PAKHOI HEAVILY BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES

Extensive Operations In South China Middle Of December

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.

OFFICIALLY CONFIRMING for the first time in current hostilities, a communique issued by the Japanese Naval authorities revealed that Pakhoi, important port on the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, was attacked by Japanese naval aircraft between December 15 and 18.

NATIONAL REGISTER DEBATED

Voluntary Service Is
Commended By Mr.
Ernest Brown

LONDON, Dec. 20.

IN the House of Commons today Mr. Ernest Brown said the most welcomed of the Government's decisions, was that to rely on voluntary services in respect to national service, and the recommendation that the national scheme be reviewed by Parliament at the end of March.

He referred to the fact that the national service register would contain complete information on all services, both military and civilian, in which persons may enrol.

Amongst the services mentioned by Mr. Brown was the "Women's Land Army." He said that no further explanation of this classification need be given.

Mr. Brown emphasized that in the industrial front would be the key to the defensive front, and said that it was not now a question of service uniforms only, but of dangers.—Reuter.

SERVICES DESCRIBED

The House of Commons this evening resumed the debate on national service on the Government's revised motion, "The House recognising that the taking of measures to protect the lives and homes of people at all times transcends in importance all party differences and welcomes the decision of His Majesty's Government to rely upon the voluntary services of the people but recommends that results of the scheme for national service be reviewed by the House at the end of March." Supporters of government, critical of its proposals for national service, who had tabled amendment favouring compulsory national register, have withdrawn it in view of the form of the motion.

The Minister of Labour, opening the debate, described the national service guide which will be delivered to all householders early in the New Year. It would give particulars of all services for which volunteers were needed, including armed forces, their reserves and auxiliaries, as well as various branches of civilian defence—police, and auxiliary police, fire brigades, auxiliary fire brigades, various branches of air raid precautions, service, nursing, first aid services, etc. in connection with the evacuation of children, the home guard, women's land army and war service for mercantile marines.

Mr. Brown emphasized that the effort of the government was directed to preserving the essential balance which the new conditions required between the defence services themselves, and the industrial services.

Detective Accidentally Discovers Heroin Factory In N. T. Village MAN SENTENCED AT SESSIONS

While on a visit to Yee Pei Chun Village, Tsun Wan, to make inquiries into a robbery, a heroin factory in full swing was found by a detective. This story was told to Mr. Justice Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Chin Pui, a youth, pleaded not guilty to unlawful possession of the drug.

He was charged with possession of a quantity of pink mass and 44,000 pills at the village on November 6.

The jury comprised Messrs. A. R. F. Raven (Foreman), Chu Kai-yu and Mr. Morgan. Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted, and said a Chinese detective had arrived in the village to make inquiries when three men bolted out of a nearby house. His suspicions aroused, the detective arrested them, the last of the men, and took them to the house in the cockpit of which a heroin factory was in full operation order with the drying chaffs burning. The other two men escaped.

When charged, accused said he had no statement to make but subsequently at the Magistracy, he said he came out of his house to watch the commotion and the detective

According to the communique, various military establishments in the harbour as well as the Chinese defence works at Kwantowok, gateway to Pakhoi, were bombed and greatly damaged.

Extensive operations of the naval air units in South China in the past week are also revealed in the same communique, which says that since December 15, Japanese naval air units have attacked Kwangtung on the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, Shikowu on the West River, and Shikowu on the Hankow-Canton Railway in northern Kwangtung.

The landing stages in the harbour of Yungkong and Yungchun were bombed and destroyed, while Chinese barracks and military establishments at Lukfung were also badly damaged.

In the area east of Shikowu on the West River, one Chinese gunboat was bombed and disabled, while another Chinese military ship was sunk. One Chinese gunboat was also bombed and sunk near Shikowu (Koyu) on the West River and the Chinese military positions near the city were severely bombed.

Trucks were severed at several places to the south of Shikowu on the Hankow-Canton Railway in northern Kwangtung, the communique indicated.

Japanese marine forces also showed great activity along the main channel of the Pearl River in the past week beginning December 14, the communique says. The surviving Chinese fortresses along the main channel were practically wiped out as 17 pill-box fortresses between Linchwa and Fulin were methodically bombed and crashed.

The fleet forces operating on the Yangtze continued mine sweeping, extension of the waterway, removal of various obstacles, and attacking the remnants of Chinese troops on both banks of the River. With the water receding, the mines laid at the river-bed are coming up to the surface, the communique further says.

The Japanese naval air forces operating in North China attacked the Chinese guerrillas near Chefoo, Tengchow and in the area southwest of Nanyantal in Shantung between December 11 and 15. Villages infested with Chinese stragglers were also severely attacked.

Units of bluejackets, accompanied by 180 troops of the Chinese peace preservation corps, rounded up the Chinese guerrillas in the area south of Chefoo and secured control of the area on December 16, the communique adds.—Domei.

necessary to sustain them. The industrial front in a future war would be the key defensive services in the field, on the sea, and in the air, as well as to sustain the civil life of community. They must see to it therefore that they retain in industry and agriculture all those whose skill was vital to the maintenance of those services.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood for the Opposition complained that the suggestions so far put forward by the Ministers for the organisation of national service did not constitute a coherent or comprehensive whole, and he reserved the attitude of the Labour Party until full details of the Government's scheme were disclosed.—British Wireless.

Unemployed Demonstrate In London

LONDON, Dec. 20.

WHILE thousands were busy Christmas shopping in Oxford Street this afternoon, numerous unemployed demonstrated at the same time laying themselves on the street despite the icy cold, in protest against inadequate relief measures. The traffic was held up temporarily.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE'S DESERT DEFENCES

New Maginot Line
Between Tunisia
And Libya

Paris, Dec. 20.

Revelations concerning the French Maginot Line between Tunisia and Libya were made by the "Intransigent" this evening in a special report from Tunis.

The publication of these facts obviously bears a direct connection with the forthcoming visit of the French Premier and War Minister, M. Daladier, to Corsica and Tunis.

According to the report a vast stretch of desert and mountains between the French and the Italian possessions has been criss-crossed with a system of trenches which are adapted to the desert character of the land.

Fortifications and machine-gun bases have also been constructed at regular intervals.

In the opinion of the writer, this defence system is extremely effective and invaders would require many battalions to break through the lines. Added hindrance is the desert character of the land which would render the manoeuvring of large bodies of men extremely difficult.

That the French military authorities have maintained great secrecy in the construction of this defence system is evident from the fact that the work was carried out to a large extent only in the night and the workers were transported blindfolded to their place of labour. At dawn they were again blindfolded and transported into the city while the camp blown by the wind soon obliterated the lorry tracks.

In addition to the construction of the fortifications, the French military authorities, according to the writer, have also reorganised the forces in Tunisia, camel-riding detachments and motorised troops.

A military expert, General Barriere, recommended last March in the "Temps" that motorised light detachments should be placed in the territory south of the Mediterranean. The district of the so-called southern Maginot Line lies north of Meighir and Djerdid constitutes a natural barrier against Libya.

An hotel which was built by a French group in the desert in the Gabes oasis has been confiscated by the French military authorities for defence reasons.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN PRESS CRITICISM

Rome, Dec. 20.

The French Foreign Minister's unambiguous clear affirmation that France will never consent to cede a single inch of her territory to Italy is considered by the "Giornale d'Italia" to be susceptible of satisfying French public opinion, but not of serving the cause of "European peace or true justice."

The paper calls M. Bonnet's declaration "intransigent," and says that although it may, perhaps, be useful for dramatic purposes, it is useless for diplomacy, and "dangerous for a policy of a nation."

The paper reiterates the argument that the Franco-Italian agreement of 1935 relating to Tunis is no longer valid, and that consequently everything must be regulated anew between Paris and Rome, "beginning with the satisfaction of Italian rights to colonial compensation."—Trans-Ocean.

TIE DEFENCE

In a statement from the dock, accused said he was standing by his house when the detective came up and said he was going to search the house. Accused asked him if he had a search warrant and the detective then became angry and arrested him, taking him to the next house until the European Sergeant arrived.

After the judge's summing up, the jury retired for a short consideration and then returned a verdict of guilty. Accused was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment. His Lordship saying that apparently there were no depths to which he would not sink to earn a living, even if it meant the degradation of his countrymen.

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6.15 London Relay—"Unto Us a Child Is Born." A Pageant of Christmas, Devoted and produced by Robin Whitworth, with BBC Chorus and Orchestra. 7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.32 Musical Comedy Selections. "The Girl Friend"—Vocal Gems (Rodgers)... "Percy Ann"—Vocal Gems (Rodgers)... "Light Opera Company"—"Smiling Suite"—Medley. "Belle Du Costa and Harry Jacobson (Piano Duo)" "Victoria And Her Hussar"—Vocal Gems (Abraham)... Light Opera Company; The Big Broadcast—Selection with Debroy Somers Band with the Carole Cousins and Dan Donovan. 8.0 News, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Debroy Somers Band. Memories Of Horatio Nicholls; Ballroom Memories—Waltzes; Me And My Girl—Selection; What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers)... with vocal chorus. 8.10 Albert Sandler (Violin). Alleluia (Flocco, arr. Birt and O'Neill); Pale Moon (Logan, arr. Kreisler)... with Jack Byfield at his will, under which she is the sole beneficiary.

8.10 London Relay—"In Town To-night." Introducing unusual stories from every walk of life, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Interview) with the man in the street. Produced by C. F. Mehan.

11.0 Close down.

RACKETEERS ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE CHINA UNEARTHED

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MAY LOSE \$20,000,000. Investigators fear that 13,500 stockholders in the drug firm will lose \$20,000,000 through mal-administration of the company.

The list of arrests in the case have grown with the arrest of John Cantor, 60, of Montreal, taken into custody, reportedly in connection with the gun running phases of Muscia's activities.

Cantor was formally charged with obtaining money under false pretences.

He was arrested after being recognized among the speculators at the McKesson and Robbins investigation.

Meanwhile one of Muscia's sisters, Mrs. Robert Geux, was found employed at the Fishkill, N.Y., estate of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau. Morgenthau had hired her husband as a gardener on his estate.

Subpoenas have been issued for Mrs. Geux and another Muscia sister. Simultaneously one Republican and one Democratic politician from Connecticut were subpoenaed.

Federal agents report increasing evidence that the Muscia brothers used the McKesson and Robbins company as a blind to run guns to Bolivia and Spain and to bootleg and adulterate drugs.

The ramifications of the case were becoming of such magnitude that the Attorney General's office closed public hearings in the case to take secret testimony involving charges that someone concerned had supplied arms to Bolivia in the Gran Chaco war in the hope of cornering the Bolivian guano market.

Witnesses in the state Attorney General's investigation created the sensation of the week by identifying George Vernard, representative of the company's Canadian and English agents, and George Dietrich, assistant treasurer, as Arthur and George Muscia.

FANTASTIC SCANDAL

The story of the fantastic scandal, perhaps more bewildering in its ramifications than any other crime story in American history, was featured in newspapers throughout the country to-day. Editors of the United Press revised their list of the ten biggest stories of the year to include the McKesson and Robbins case, which was noted above the Richard Whitney stock manipulation confession in news value.—United Press.

ANOTHER ARREST

Philadelphia, Dec. 20. A mysterious telegraphic tip led to the arrest of a young man to-day, who is identified as Richard Mittman. The authorities ordered him to be held on \$25,000 bail. Detectives said that he is believed to have been involved in Coster-Muscia's gun-running activities. However, G-Men and Customs officers refuse to divulge the information obtained.—United Press.

ARMY INQUIRES. Washington, Dec. 20. U.S. Army authorities to-day began

the Piano; Spanish Serenade (Heykens); The Child And His Dancing Doll (Heykens)... J. Byfield (Piano).

8.43 Webster Booth (Tenor) and Esale Ackland (Contralto).

O Peaceful England (from "Merrie England"—German); Serenade (Britten)... Esale Ackland with Orchestra; Sweet Melody Of Night (film "Give us this Night"); My Love And I (film "Give us this Night"); Webster Booth with Orchestra; Sanctuary (Hewitt)... Esale Ackland with Organ accompaniment by Herbert Dawson.

9.0 London Relay—Empire Exchange.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies. 9.17 Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Silver Trumpets—Grand Processional March (Viviani-arr. Godfrey); The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel-arr. Winterbottom); Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel)... conducted by Capt. George Alder.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 New Variety. Dance Orch.—A Gipsy Told Me—Fox-Trot (film "Happy Landings"); When They Played The Polka—Fox-Trot... Horace Heidt and His Alameda Brigadiers with vocal chorus; Vocal—Love's Longing (film "The world belongs to the young"); Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with Orch.; Dance Orch.—Retinita—Tango; Lorenzo—Tango... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Vocal—Ou Sollei Dans Ses Yeux (Gaston Claret)... Danila with Wal-Berg and His Orch.; Humorous—She Was, She Wasn't, She Was (Miller); Just In Fun (Miller)... Max Miller; Dance Orch.—A Little Kiss At Twilight—Fox-Trot (film "Give me a Sailor"); What Goes On Here In My Heart—Fox-Trot (film "Give me a Sailor")... Diels Jurgens and His Orchestra with vocal refrain; Vocal—Red Maple Leaves (Kennedy-Grosz)... Betty Driver with Orchestra; Male Voice—Woodstock's Song (Knorr, Beece)... Comedy Harmonists with Piano; Vocal—I am a Voice (Igelhof-Schwenn)... Zarah Leander with Orchestra.

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing unusual stories from every walk of life, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Interview) with the man in the street. Produced by C. F. Mehan.

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Exchange At A Glance

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APPOINTMENTS

Two New Medical Officers For Hongkong

The following are among the latest appointments, transfers and promotions in the Colonial Service:
To be Medical Officers, Hongkong.—Dr. L. J. Honeywill, M.B., B.S., D.A.O.
To be Nursing Sister, Hongkong. Miss A. M. Harrington.
Mr. W. R. Hilver (Chief Junk Inspector) to be Deputy Shipping Master, Mercantile Marine Office, Harbour Department, Hongkong.
Dr. Tomlinson will arrive in January and Dr. Honeywill early in February.

These appointments are the first of a number of medical staff increases under the 1939 estimates. The estimates provide for an expenditure of \$1,743,580 as against \$1,531,091 in 1938.

WOMEN CADETS

London, Dec. 16. The removal of the restriction on the admission of women to administrative staffs of the Dominions and Colonial offices, was announced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

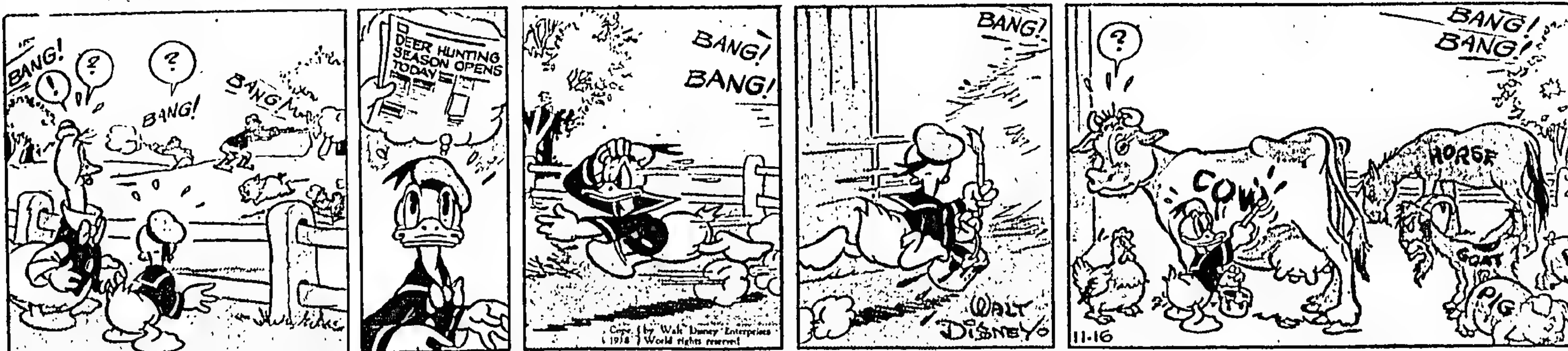
An investigation in the report that the Chinese Kai-shuek Government was the foreign Power seeking to purchase 2,000,000 Lee Enfield rifles from Coster.

War Department officials said that Coster never purchased rifles from the United States Government for resale abroad.

Army records show that the authorities possessed 1,925,000 Lee Enfield rifles at the end of the world war, of which 20,000 were sold to the Philippines Commonwealth, and 50,000 were disposed of elsewhere in America.

The authorities still possess 1,925,000 rifles.—United Press.

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

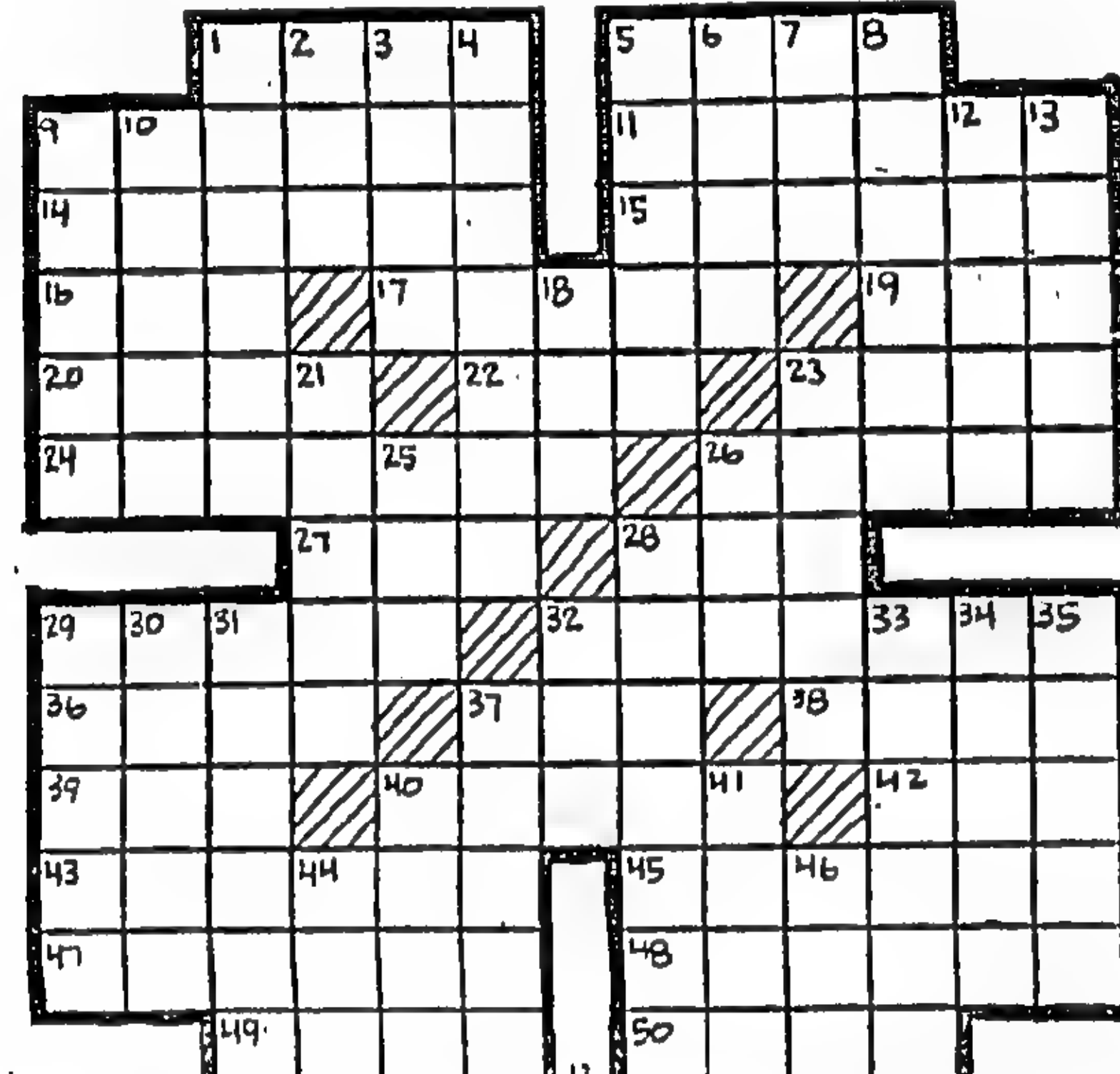
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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FOURTEEN CHINESE EDITORS FACE COURT CHARGE

Alleged Publication Of Indecent Advertisements

FOURTEEN EDITORS of Chinese newspapers were summoned before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning for having inserted indecent advertisements in their papers.

The newspapers summoned were: Sing Tao Jih Pao, Ta Kung Pao, Tai Chung Yat Po, Nam Kwong Yat Po, Wah Tat Yat Po, Nam Chung Po, Nam Wah Jih Pao, Tai Kwong Po, Tsun Wan Yat Po, Kung Sheng Man Po, Tin Yin Yat Po, Tsz Yin Yat Po, Kung Sheng Yat Po, and the Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan represented all the newspapers, except the Ta Kung Pao, which was represented by Mr. Peter Sin.

Chief Detective-Inspector M. Murphy prosecuted.

Fung Siu-king, translator attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that he translated certain papers which were handed to him and which contained the alleged advertisements.

His Worship cautioned the defendants.

Popular H.K. Girl Weds In Singapore

Miss Ronnie Allen-Mr. A. E. Pilgrims

Following the example set by her sister, Ena, Miss Veronica Catherine Allen, popular Hongkong-born girl, has gone to Singapore to be married.

Miss Allen, the youngest daughter of Mr. D. J. Allen of Lincoln, England, and the late Mrs. Allen, also well-known in Hongkong, was married yesterday at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, to Mr. Albert Edward Pilgrims, son of Mrs. M. E. Pilgrims of Nice, France. Mr. Pilgrims is a member of the staff of The Cook and Son, Singapore, and also President of the Singapore branch of the Cosmo Club.

Father Maurey performed the ceremony, and Miss Allen, who was dressed in French bridal satin, a copy of a Chanel model, with a French tulle veil, and a headpiece of orange blossoms, made by "Diana" of Hongkong, was attended by a matron of honour, Mrs. A. Chettle. Mr. A. Chettle, Singapore manager of Thos. Cook and Son, gave away the bride.

The reception was held at the Adelphi Hotel, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrims left for Java, where the honeymoon is being spent. Mrs. Pilgrims' going-away dress was a white tulle dress with navy blue and navy tulle off-the-face hat, white shoes and gloves.

An interesting feature of the wedding was that the bride's sister Ena, was able to fly from Java to Singapore for the occasion.

Duke Breaks Collar Bone

THE Duke of Gloucester broke a collar-bone when he had a bad fall while out with the Belvoir Hounds at Plungar, Leicestershire. His horse fell after taking a jump, and rolled on to him.

Although the fracture is a simple one, and no complications are expected, the Duke was unable to leave for Norway, where he was to have represented the King at Queen Maud's funeral. The Duke of Kent took his place.

After his fall the Duke of Gloucester was taken to Warwick Lodge, Melton Mowbray, where he is staying with the Duchess. Later he underwent an X-ray examination, which showed that his collar-bone was broken. He may have to rest for two or three weeks. This is the second time that he has suffered such an injury while riding. The ground was treacherous, and a number of other falls occurred during the run. The Duke has had eleven previous falls, several of them in the hunting-field. In 1921, with the South Berke, his horse fell and rolled over him, and his head was cut. When mounting a restive animal at Weedon Barracks (Northants) in 1923 he fell and suffered slight concussion. Later the same year he broke an ankle while mounting a horse at Aldershot, and an operation was necessary. Hunting with the Quorn in 1928 he had a heavy fall, and received injuries to the shoulder and leg. A year later he broke a collar-bone when his pony fell during a polo game at Vancouver, British Columbia.

ALLEGED THEFT OF WOLFRAM

Criminal Sessions Case Opens

Five Hakkas Chinese were arraigned before the Acting Police Judge, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning with robbing Li Pui of 450 catties of wolfram; and with possession of five rounds of cartridges without a licence.

The accused, Chan Kum, Li Kui, Lin Wing, Tso Tat and Wong On, pleaded not guilty and the following jury were empanelled: Messrs. E. V. Searle (Foreman), Fung Ping-fan, K. E. M. Caudron, E. B. da Rosa, Yu Wing-chun, U Tat Chee and Chan Ju-nin.

According to Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, Li Liu with three other men, Chan Tak, Chan Luen-ching and Chan Chung-long, set sail from the 'Hoi Tung' district. They sailed to Hongkong via Sammel and Swabue on October 5 conveying 450 catties of wolfram in the junk. The wolfram was packed in nine bags.

Six days later just outside Futunum Pass, which is in British waters, Li Pui's junk was ordered to stop by a smaller junk. Three men, alleged to be the three accused boarded Li's junk while two other men held the two boats together.

ARMED WITH RIFLES

One of the three men was armed with a rifle while the other two had revolvers. The pirates transferred the wolfram to their own junk and departed with Li Pui following them at a distance.

After following the robber-junk for almost half an hour, Li Pui sighted two large fishing junks and hailed them. On being informed what had occurred, the masters of the two fishing junks pursued the pirates' boat as they feared them. They opened fire on the fleeing boat forcing it to stop.

The masters of the two fishing junks ordered two sampans with three men in each to proceed to the robbers' boat.

The men in the sampans, pointed out the Assistant Crown Solicitor, would state that they saw the robbers throwing bags into the sea and one of the men saw a robber throw a rifle overboard.

The pursuers boarded the robbers' junk and tied up the five men. One of the men attempted to throw five cartridges overboard but was prevented from doing so by one of the fishermen.

The five robbers were then taken in the junks to the police. In the stern of the robbers' junk was found a cartridge belt.

When charged, accused denied that they robbed Li Pui and alleged that the cartridges were placed in their boat by the fishing people.

Evidence was then given by Li Pui, his three folk and the hearing is proceeding with the testimony of 14 fishermen.

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Let your fingers play over its keyboard... give them just a moment or two to become accustomed to its new ease of touch and then let yourself go. You'll type faster because there's no lag in the action of the new Underwood Master—better because of greater uniformity of impression and the perfect alignment of characters on the page—with greater ease because the Master is actually 'tuned' to your finger tips and completely keyboard controlled. Typists who by actual vote acclaimed Underwood first for ease of touch find an additional reason for enthusiasm in the new Master. It offers Dual "Touch Tuning"—two distinct touch adjustment features—one of them controlled from the keyboard at a mere flick of the typist's finger.

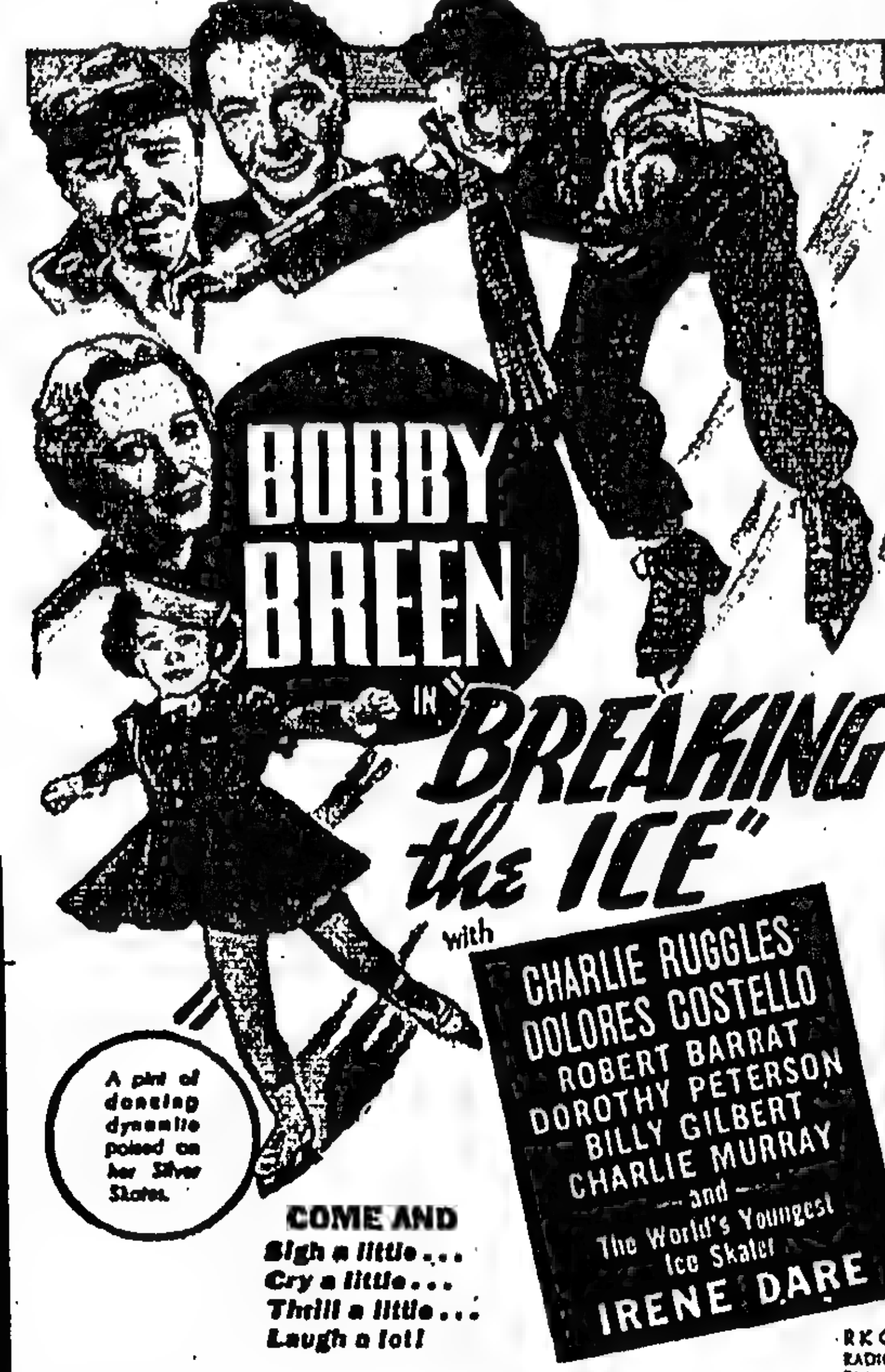
THE NEW Underwood Master TYPEWRITERS
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Less Mutton Wanted From Dominions

London, Dec. 20. The Minister of Agriculture announced in the House of Commons that in view of the large proportions of supplies which come from Australia and New Zealand, approaches had been made to these dominions to regulate imports of mutton and lamb as from the beginning of 1939. The Government considered that the recovery of the Home sheep industry would be accelerated by a closer control of imported supplies. It would be in the interests of all suppliers, and would introduce a very desirable element of confidence into the sheep market. The functions of the Empire Beef Council would be enlarged so that it might also consider the future supplies of mutton and lamb at the United Kingdom markets. While the Council would consider the supply situation as a whole the United Kingdom Government would reserve to itself responsibility regarding the regulation of imports from foreign countries.—British Wireless.

SPECIAL X'MAS ATTRACTION

CAN YOU LAUGH AND CRY AT ONCE?
You're going to have to try when you see this warm and lovely story of a couple of amazing kids... a boy with a voice of gold and a tot with magic in her tiny silver skates.



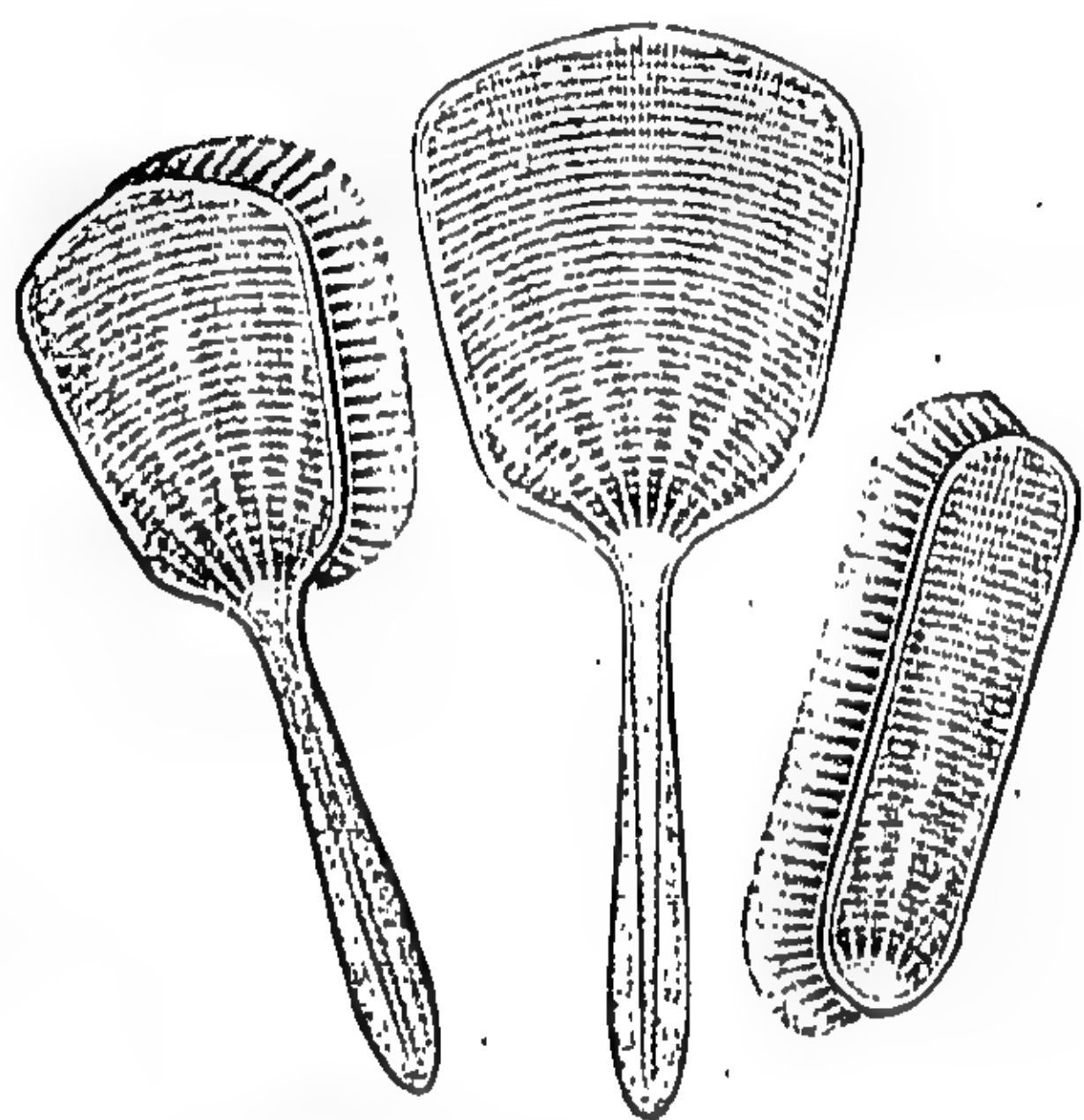
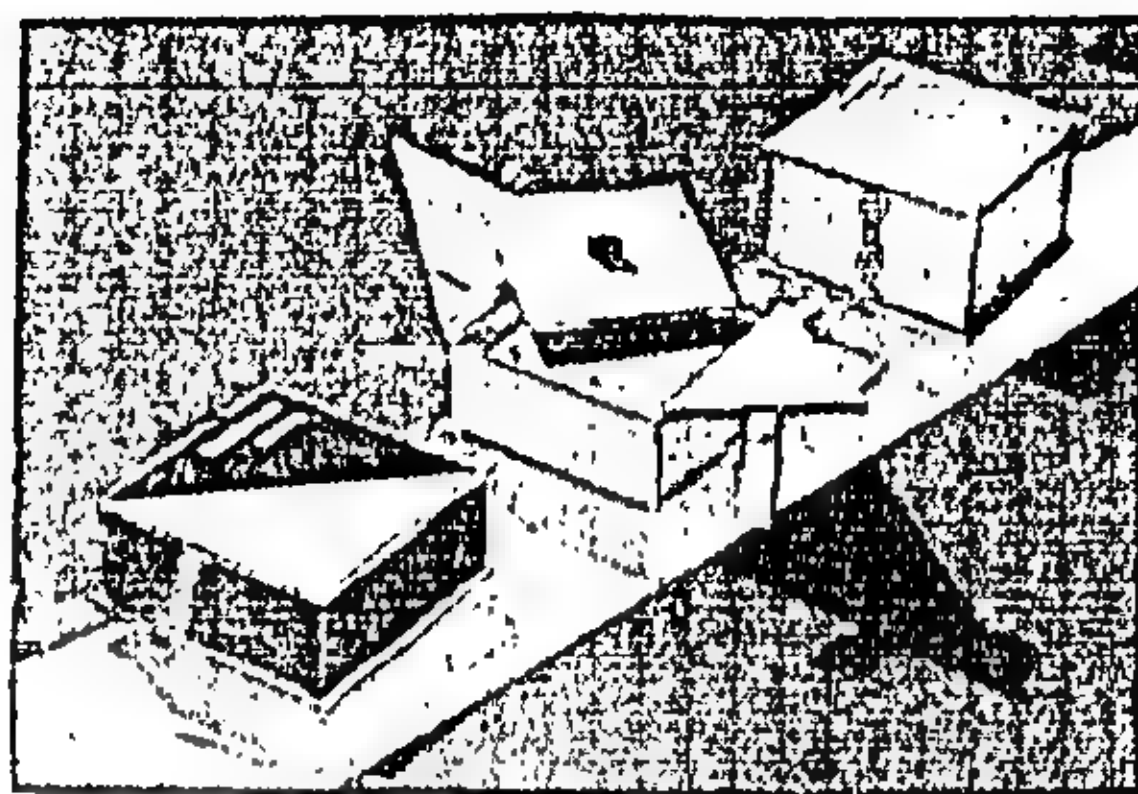
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Gifts for Ladies

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"ELIZABETH ARDEN" Blue Grass Perfume Price from \$10.85
 Blue Grass Dusting Powder Price \$6.25 per box
 Blue Grass Toilet Soap 3 Tablets Price \$0.00
 Blue Grass Eau-de-Toilette Price \$25.50

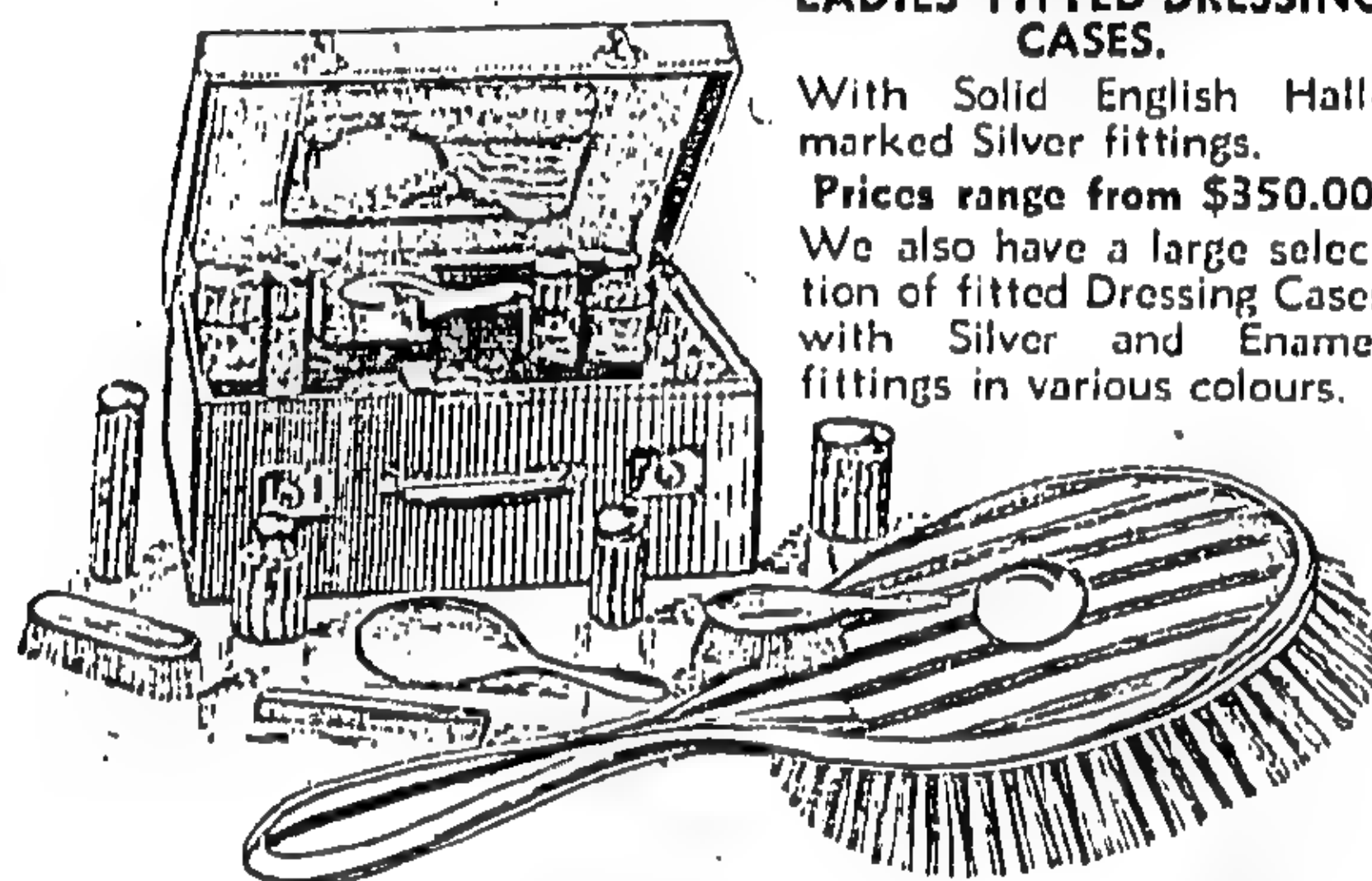
"ELIZABETH ARDEN"
 Beauty boxes containing:
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 "ELIZABETH ARDEN"
 Compact and Jewelled Lipstick
 Price \$17.50 per set.
 "ELIZABETH ARDEN"
 Complexion box containing two Toning
 Powders and one Complexion Brush.
 Price \$17.50 complete.



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Elegant Brush Sets, up-to-date designs and colours, in real Enamel on H.M. Engine-turned Silver, Blue, Green, Mauve, and Pink. Prices from \$14.00 per set.

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 Real Crystal Brush Sets, Hand Cut, in black and white design.
 Price \$85.00 per set.
 Real Hand Cut Crystal Cigarette Boxes.
 Price \$20.00 each.
 Powder Bowls
 Price \$8.50 each.
 Scent Bottles
 Prices from \$3.00 each.
 Midget Scent Sprays
 Price \$3.00 to \$10.50 each.
 Amber Crystal Powder Bowls
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 Price \$7.50 each.



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With Solid English Hall-marked Silver fittings.
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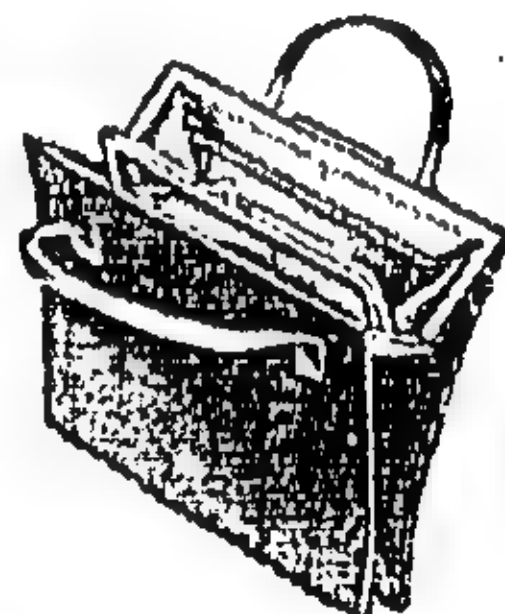
Prices range from \$1.95 per pair Fabric
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EVENING HANDBAGS.

Rhinestones, Pearls, Silks and Satins, Gold and Silver Kid has been used with Subtle art to delight the feminine eye... Prices range from \$9.50 each. Vanity Compact Cases which contain every essential for an evening's use in amazingly small space are to be had in an extensive range. Price from \$19.25 each.

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A wide range of leathers is used for these Handbags in all the newest designs and colourings, many are fitted with Compact, Comb, Rouge, Lipstick, Cigarette Case and Mirror.
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 Priced from \$5.95 each.



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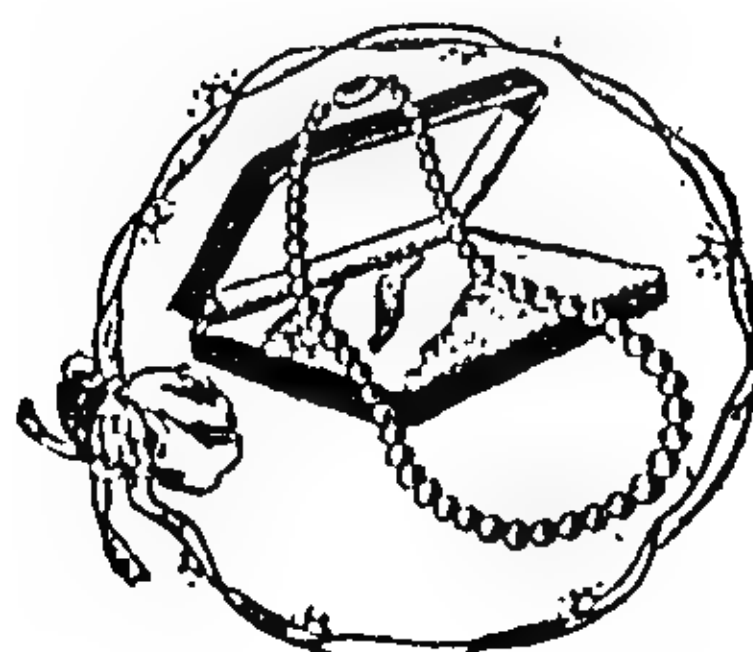
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"Jaeger" Woollen Scarves in attractive designs and colours... Price \$6.75 each.
 Scarves made of Woollen Lace
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Silk Triangles, Stocks, Squares, etc., featuring many new ideas of patterns and colourings.
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DEATH OF LADY NORTHCOTE'S MOTHER

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that the "Telegraph" has to announce the death of Mrs. J. W. Adams, mother of Lady Northcote, who passed away in London on Monday after a long illness.

Mrs. Adams, who was 88 years of age, was the wife of the late Rev. J. W. Adams, v.c., sometime a Chaplain General to His Majesty's Forces and Chaplain to His Majesty King Edward VII.

It will be recalled that Lady Northcote left Hongkong on January 30 this year by Imperial Airways plane to visit her mother, whose illness then became serious.



LADY NORTHCOTE

Lady Northcote arrived in England in mid-January and remained away from Hongkong for four months, by which time her mother had shown remarkable signs of recovery.

Several engagements entered into by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote for the balance of this week have been cancelled in view of Lady Northcote's bereavement.

Lady Northcote will not be present at the wedding this afternoon of Miss P. A. Dodwell and Mr. O. E. C. Martin. His Excellency the Governor will attend the wedding ceremony, but will not be present at the subsequent reception.

Lady Northcote will not be present at the performance of the pantomime "Cinderella" at the European Y.M.C.A. to-morrow night, and both His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will not be present at the St. Andrew's Society Ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday night.

Nazis Concede U.S. Demands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. Eliminating one of the lesser points of friction between Germany and the United States, the German Charge d'Affaires has notified Mr. Sumner Welles, the Assistant Secretary of State, that all inheritance credits due to Americans on the estates of persons deceased in Germany would be transferred to the beneficiaries in full.

The Charge d'Affaires' call on Mr. Sumner Welles was the first U.S.-German direct diplomatic contact since the Ambassador, Dr. Dieckhoff left for Berlin in November. It is regarded as the first German step to clarify some of the problems disturbing U.S.-German relations. Diplomatic circles believe, however, that resumption of normal relations is not to be expected unless Germany replies satisfactorily and soon to both recent United States notes, the first seeking satisfaction on the Austrian debt question, and the second requiring assurances that there will be no discrimination against Americans in Germany on account of the race creed.—Reuter.

Europe Sees Its First Pandas

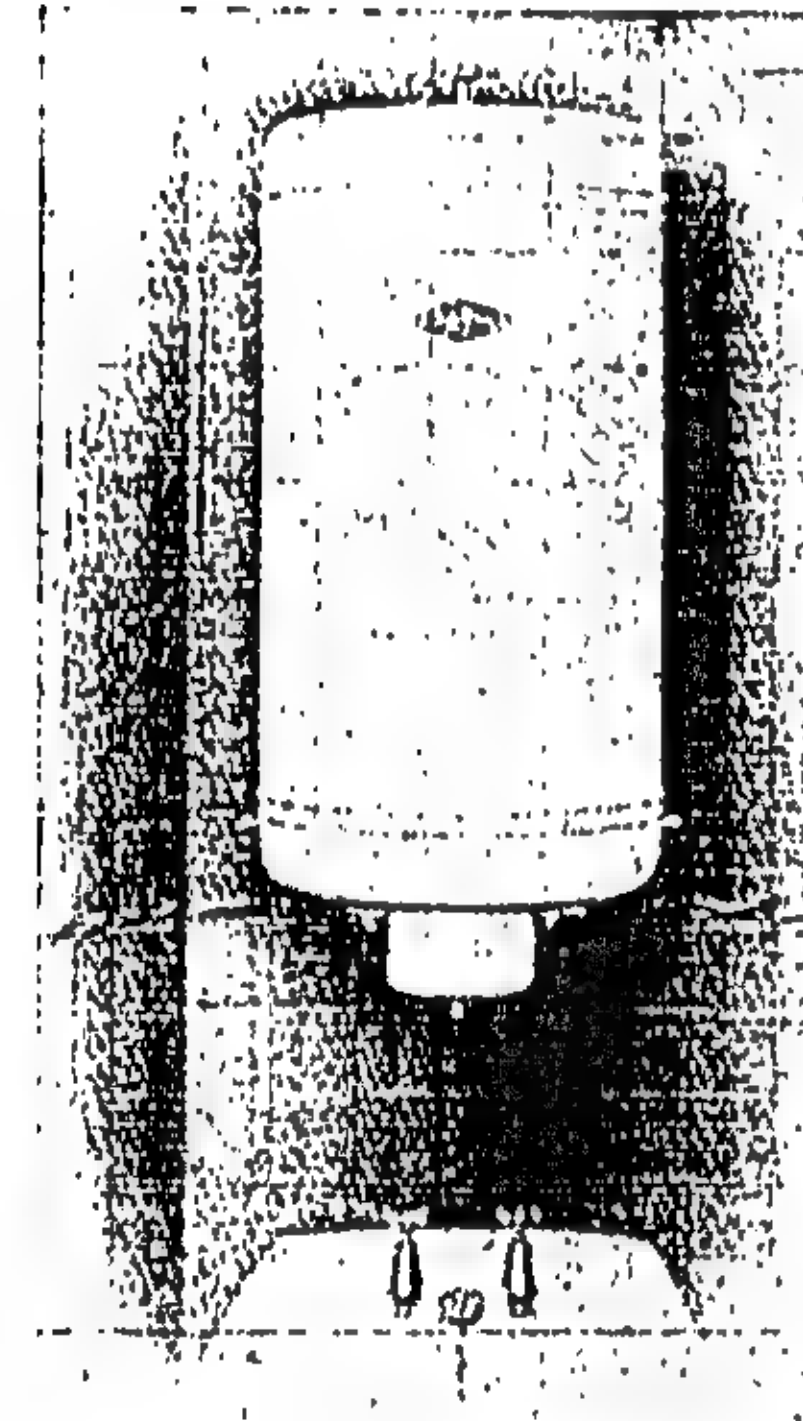
London, Dec. 20. A remarkable collection of animals from the mountains of Central China, among which are the first giant pandas imported into Europe, are expected at the zoo on December 22. Major Floyd Smith, who took many months capturing them, is bringing them home with him from Hongkong by the steamer Antenor. The bag includes five giant pandas, some blurrall sheep, a snubnose monkey and a collection of rare pheasants.—Reuter.



A Scots woman came to town and entered a shop to buy a collar for her husband. "I'll take that one," she said. "Only the one, madam?" inquired the assistant. "Of course! How many husbands dace ye think I've got?" The secret of whisky is age—"WHITE HORSE" has great age

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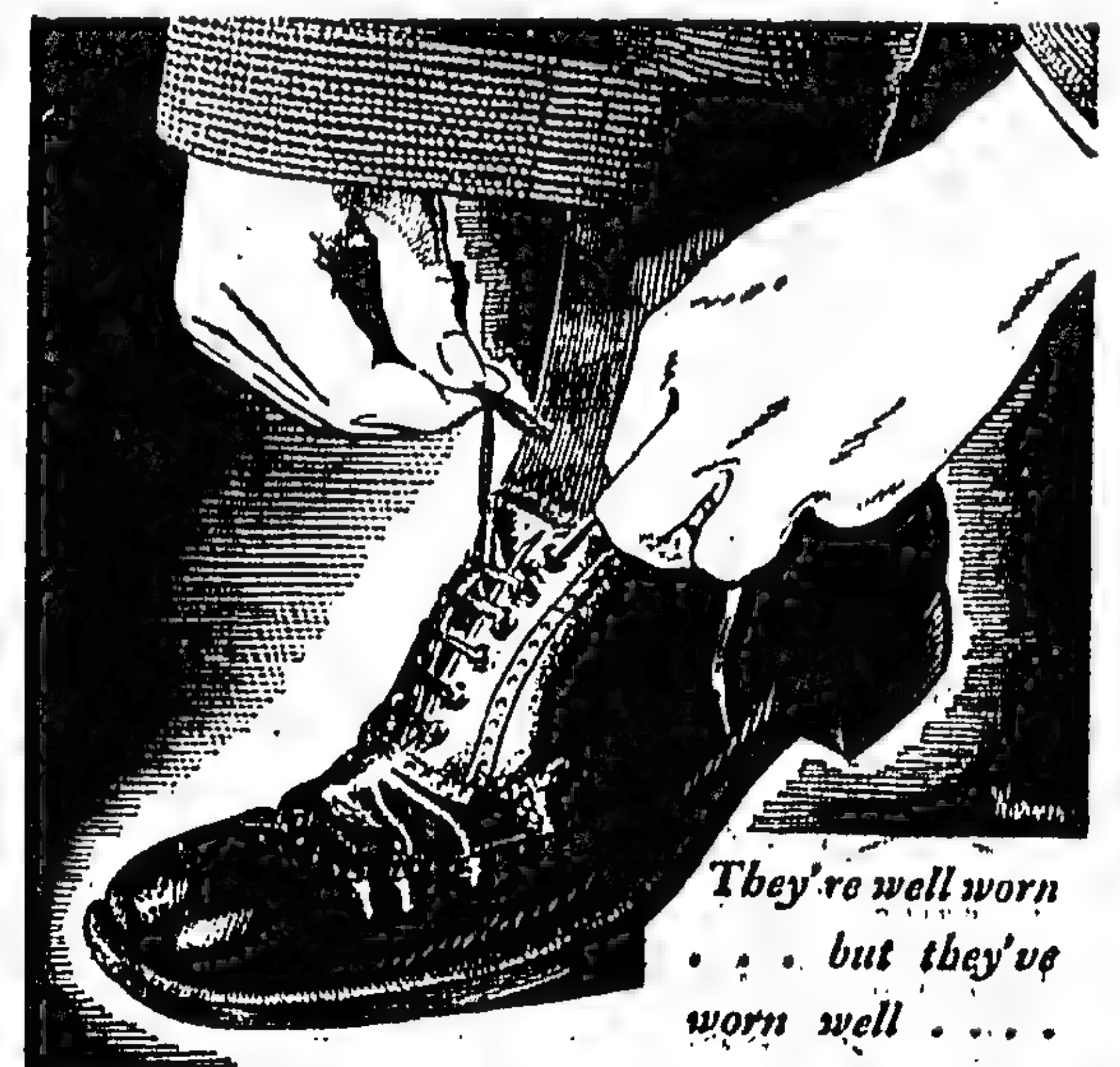
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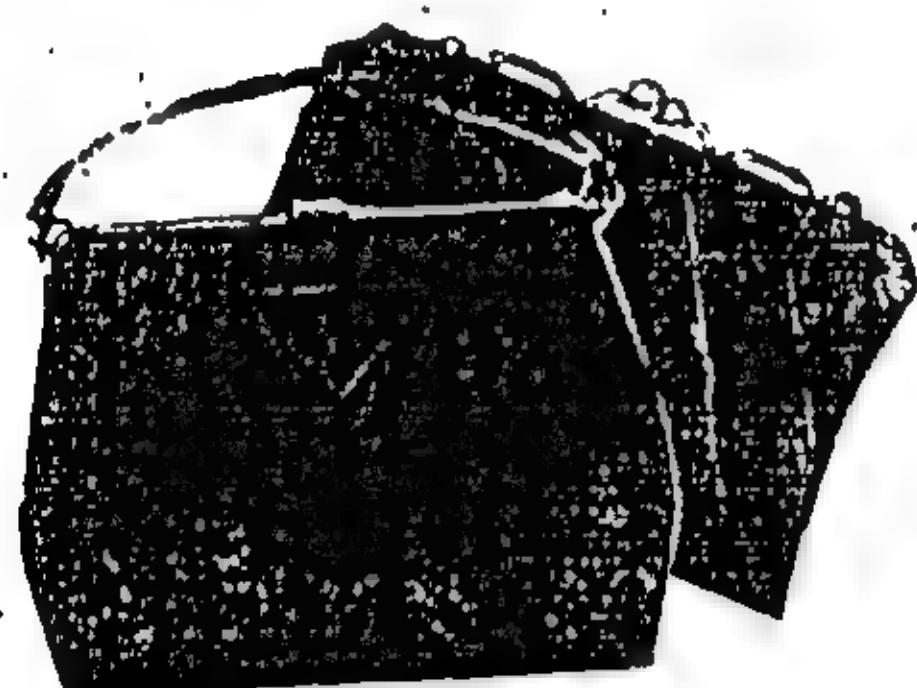
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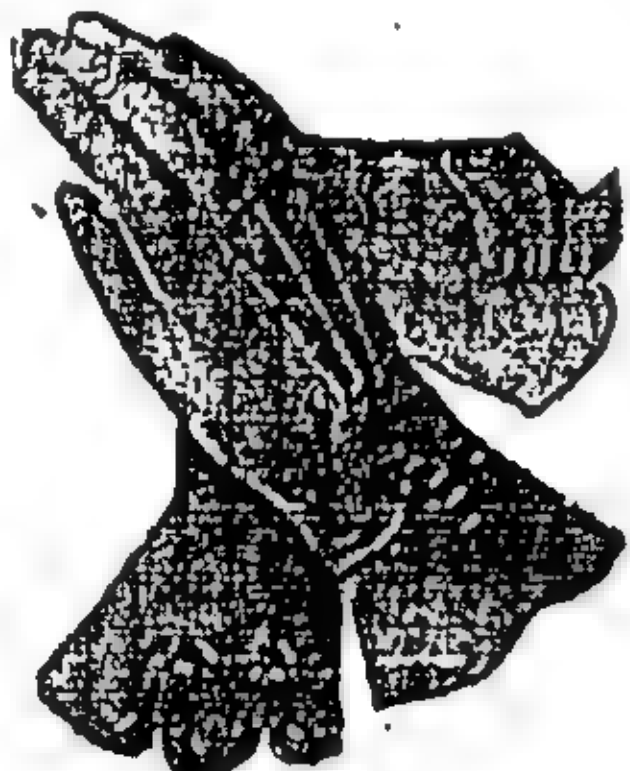
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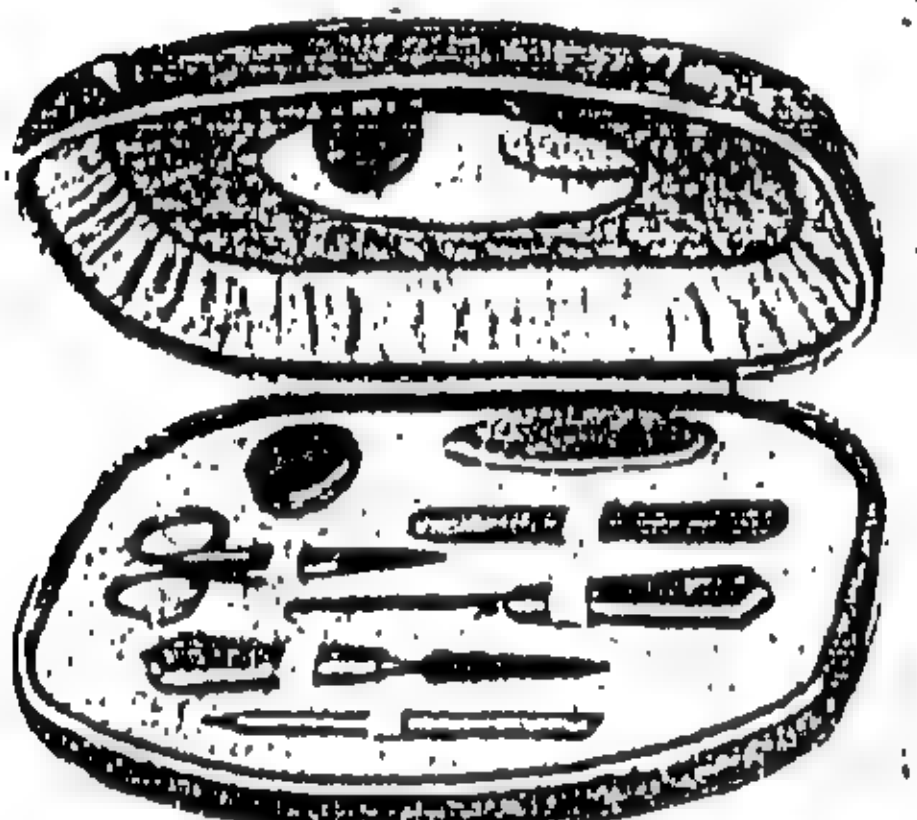
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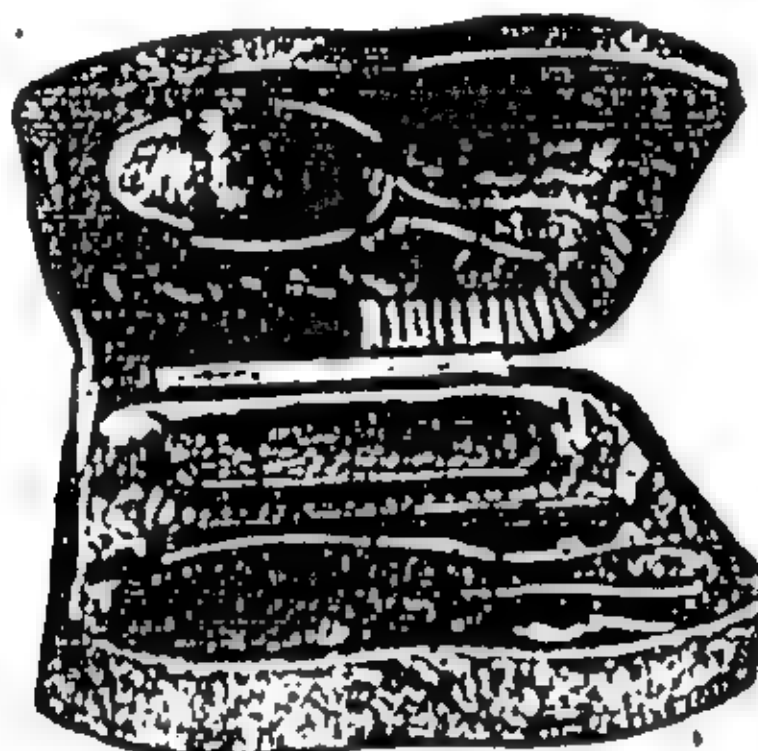
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STALEMATE IN WAR IN CHINA

Japanese Officers May Be Recalled

CHUNGKING,
Dec. 20.

QUARTERS CLOSE to Chinese military leaders foresee the possibility of Japanese army and navy officers in Central China being recalled owing to lack of progress made during the last six weeks.

Those mentioned are Lieut.-General Hata and Vice-Admiral Oikawa.

It was stated that the changed international situation as a result of the American and British loans to China may force Japan to change her military strategy in China.—United Press

GENERALS CONFER

PEIPING, Dec. 20. CHINESE POLITICAL circles aver that General Kifu and General Doihara are now co-operating in a political programme which will make its bow following a conference of the united council on December 24, when "it is hoped that the Chukuchui," or National Salvation and Peace Society, will be inaugurated.

According to some circles, the Japanese military chiefs are contemplating trying to induce Wu Peifu to accept the presidency of the Society, but they have not yet started to negotiate with him.

Following a meeting of the United Council, a representative of the council said that the Society would be inaugurated probably about the close of the year with the aim of planning a new Governmental form in accordance with Japanese decisions.

Reputedly reliable Japanese sources state that a peace movement is being pushed at the instigation of a large group of Japanese, who are anxious to know when the war will be ended, and also what the Government is doing to achieve this end.

According to this Japanese source, the group, which mainly comprises big business men, threatened non-payment of the new taxes should the Government not push peace plans.

It is said that the Japanese military authorities are doing their utmost to dissolve the group, but non-military Government circles fear that both repression and over-indulgence is likely to lead to difficulties.

Meanwhile, peace propaganda, with an anti-foreign trend, is continuing in the Chinese press. For instance, one review of the year's work of the Hsin Min Hui, lauds Sino-Japanese friendship, concluding with the observation that Orientals are now proud of the reconstruction of Oriental culture and the new order after 100 years of pressure from the Westerners.—United Press.

RAILWAY DISRUPTED

Peiping, Dec. 20. Reliable sources report a new disruption of railway traffic on the Peiping-Mukden line due to heavy troop movements.

The report states that during the last few days, five Japanese divisions have moved from North to Manchuria, reportedly due to general nervousness over the Russo-Japanese situation.

These forces were drawn from Shantung, south Hopen and Shansi, and consequently the projected Japanese drives north-westward to cut the Russian supply route to China is not materialising.—Reuter.

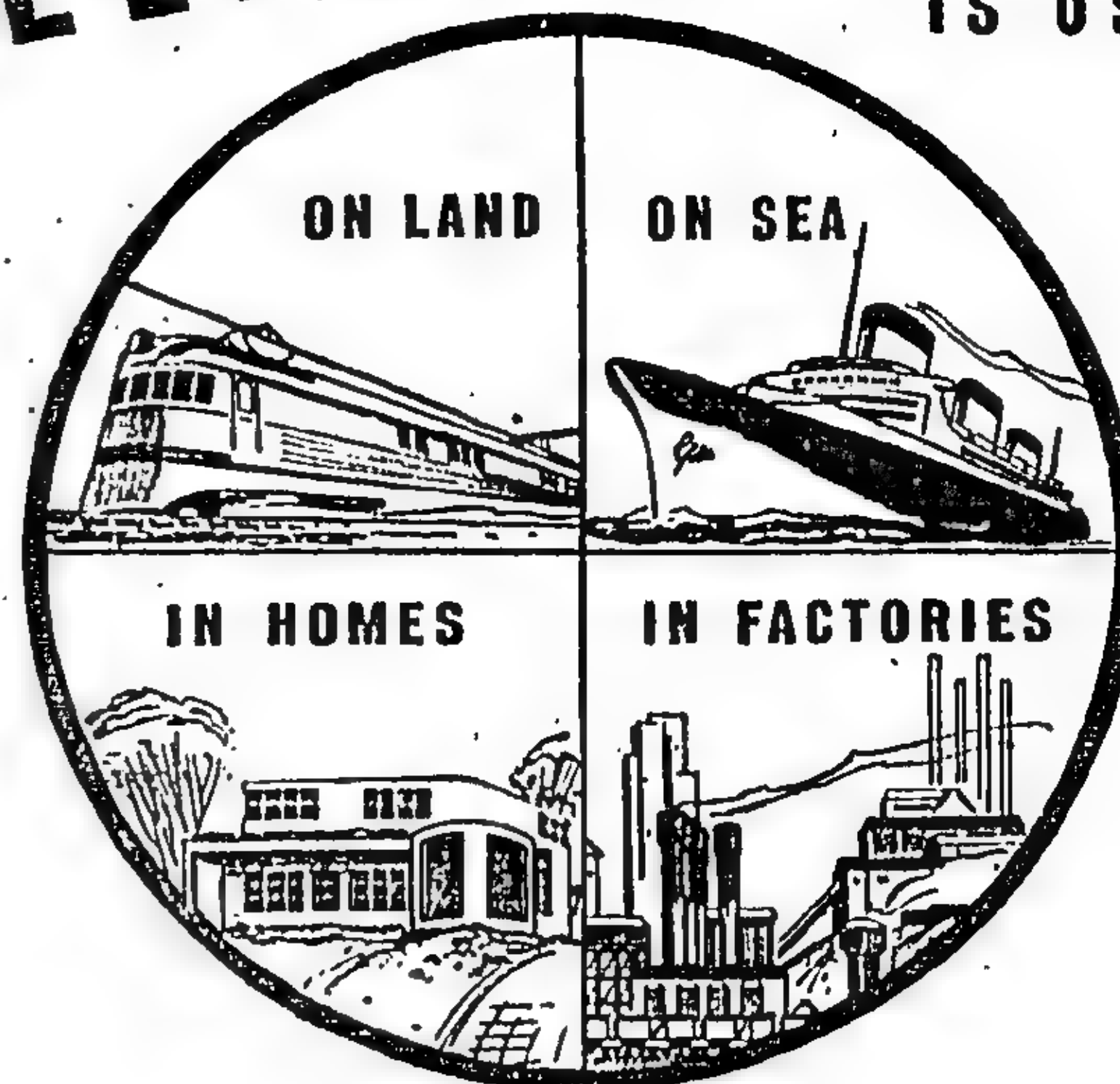
STALEMATE CONTINUES

Shanghai, Dec. 20. With the stalemate continuing on all the fronts, the Japanese forces have carried out further cleaning-up operations behind the lines, these including operations in the north-east corner of Shantung, which is nominally completely occupied by the Japanese.

The Shantung operations also included an area south-west of Chefoo, where large-scale operations against the Chinese guerrillas have been necessary.

Questioned regarding a statement made by the Japanese Consul-General in Canton to a British correspondent about six weeks ago that the Pearl River would be opened to foreign shipping within six weeks, a Japanese spokesman here was unable to make any comment. He made the same answer when asked about the statement credited to the Japanese Consul-General in Canton that the Pearl River could be re-opened immediately, but this was not done in order not to prejudice negotiations regarding shipping on the Yangtze.—Trans-Ocean.

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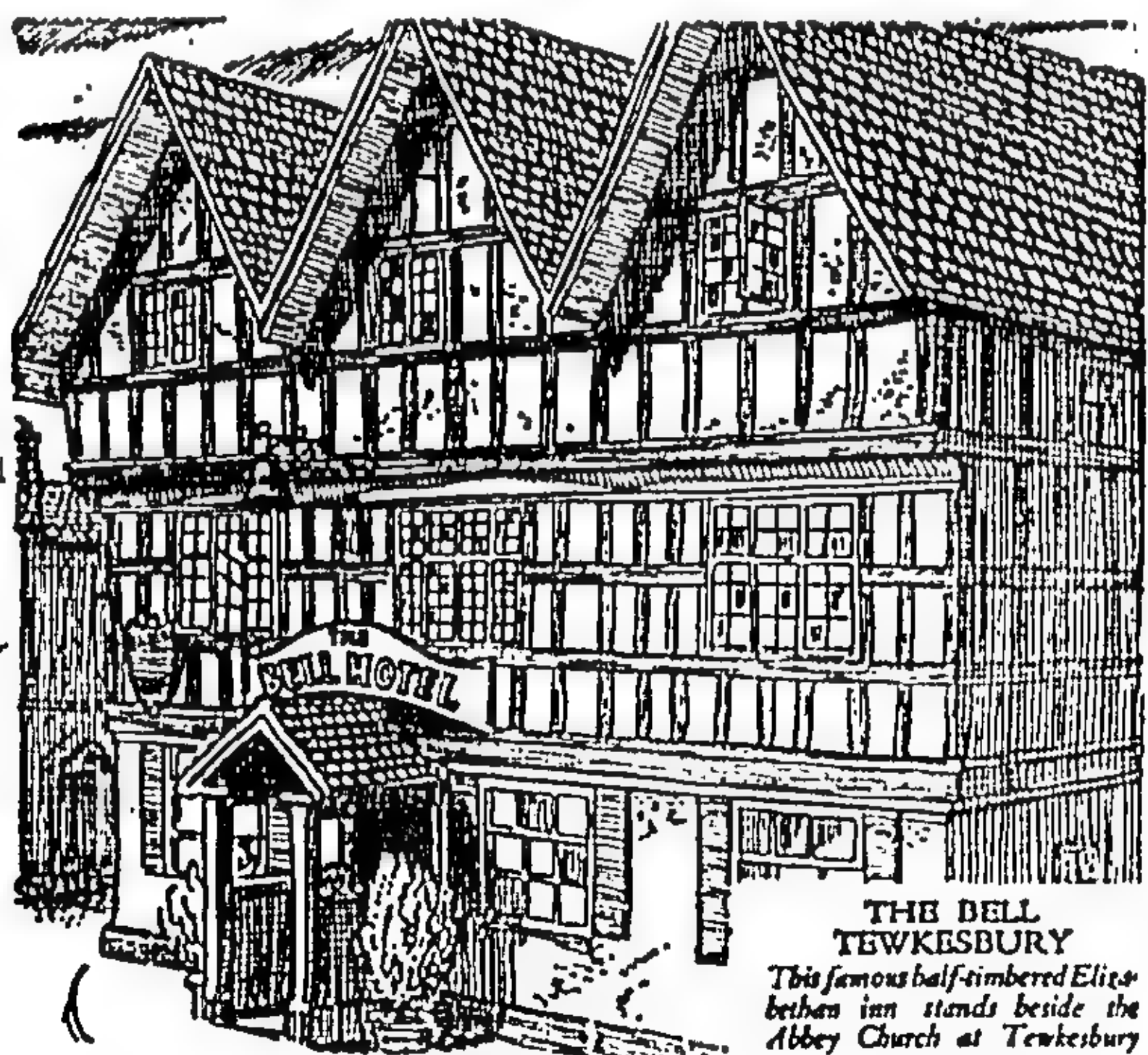
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the earlier departure of the steamer, the wedding of Miss Margaret Mignon Montgomerie McLay to Mr. William Hewitt fixed for Saturday, December 24, at 3.30 p.m., will now take place at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, December 23, at 2.30 p.m. The reception following, as previously arranged, at the Hong Kong Hotel.

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Hongkong Telegraph.
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December 21, 1938

Slam!

WESTERN business interests can hardly be blamed if they greet with a certain amount of scepticism the spirited defence by Japan's Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita, of Tokyo's plans for reviving and expanding China's industry.

Mr. Arita's use of statistics in pleading Manchukuo as an example of what Japan plans for China will hardly convince British and American merchants that the markets they once enjoyed in the Manchurian provinces are flourishing. Nor will foreigners be under any disillusionment regarding the fact that the Japanese Plan, if effectuated, means the end of the Open Door elsewhere in China, and the virtual exclusion of all Western Powers from the trade and industry of the Far East.

The Japanese are thinking of co-operation with China in terms of monopolies and discriminatory privileges in favour of their own nationals. If they observed it in Manchukuo—and this is what Mr. Arita naively suggests is the Plan that will set to rest the fears of the West—not merely the ascendancy of Western commercial enterprise in the Far East is doomed, but its dwindling must ultimately reach the stage where it will become infinitesimal.

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FOR GOD'S sake, do not drag me into another war!
"I am worn down and worn out with crusading and defending Europe and protecting mankind; I must think a little of myself."

"I am sorry for the Spaniards; I am sorry for the Greeks—I deplore the fate of the Jews; the people of the Sandwich Islands are groaning under the most detestable tyranny; Baghdad is oppressed—I do not like the present state of the Delta—Tibet is not comfortable."

"Am I to fight for all these people? The world is bursting with sin and sorrow. Am I to be champion of the Decalogue and to be eternally raising fleets and armies to make all men good and happy?"

Who said that? Sydney Smith, English writer and divine, who died ninety-four years ago.

Sydney Smith was a sound man.



BALLOON DANCE

Vicar of St. Hilda's praises pools

By the Rev.
W. Rowland
JONES

(Vicar of St. Hilda's,
Denton, an important
industrial parish in
Manchester.)

PERHAPS the Church has not yet realised the seriousness of these passing days. What was she doing during the recent, and not yet ended, crisis?

Perhaps musing, or on a journey, or peradventure, sleeping! Perhaps the Church thinks that all is well with our modern world.

Whatever the reason, the conference of Manchester churchmen at a recent meeting was not concerned with the agonies of the world; not concerned about the ending of war, or the making of peace; not concerned with the ending of tyranny or the saving of democracy.

It was concerned about the smashing of the Football Pools!

The Government was called on to turn aside from the healing of Europe's wounds, to fight a "serious and mischievous menace to the community." The menace is neither Phosgene nor Lewisite nor Mustard Gas, but—Football Pools!

If it were not tragic, it would be laughable. Here is the world at its wits' end to know how to escape from the horrors of its own entanglements. If the Church believes her own Gospel, she has the remedy.

Never was a greater opportunity presented to the Church. Not even contented with Nero's role of fiery fiddler, the Church makes matters worse by beating about Football Pools!

What is the truth about this amusement which the Manchester

Diocesan Conference calls a menace to the community?

About half the population of the country tries to forecast the results of Saturday's football matches. Eighty per cent. fail, and lose their money. But in return they get a "kick" out of week-end football which they consider well worth the money.

They know the odds are some thousands against them, but they go on sending up their postal orders, feeling that it is all great fun, and—"somebody's got to win!"

What harm does it all do?

NEARLY all my people, some six thousand, including their Vicar, try their luck. But I have yet to come across a single child who is going hungry because daddy buys a postal order every week.

The whole thing has become a family institution, and far from evil resulting, it is a jolly game, with always the chance of a "hit," and a welcome cheque for Wakes week. Where is the harm of it all?

It may be, perhaps, sad that people to-day can find no more enlightened way of spending their leisure. But there are doubts even about that. There are far worse ways of spending spare time.

I have had to spend an enormous amount of time listening to the empty chatter of Church people, many of them wearing clerical collars. I consider that my time is much better spent filling up my football coupon. At least, it does stimulate my brain!

If there are other and better ways of spending leisure and the people do not know of them, that in itself is a commentary on the failure of the Church to show

men the true brightness of life. The man in the street would far rather spend an hour poring over the chances of Manchester City than listening to the inaudible mumblings of the Oxford jargon of the curate saying evensong!

The Church has reduced the worship of God to a thing which is inexpressibly dull, and everyday people will have nothing to do with it. They find escape in the Football Pool.

The man in the street would far rather weigh up the chances of the United away than go to the parish bazaar, where he is asked to buy a ticket for a raffle and win a thing he doesn't want. The Manchester Conference had nothing to say about this "mischievous menace."

The Church of England, of all the Churches, has made religion so utterly drab that we gladly turn to the Pools for a thrill. The churches are bare and chilly and gloomy; the parish halls let in the rain, and the parish billiard-table is a scenic railway.

Every Sunday it is "give for this" and "give for that," and the people stay away. The Pool promoters do pay out as well as take in. There is always a chance of "coming up."

IS not this ecclesiastical wall against the Pools on a level with the Church's attitude against so many of the people's legitimate amusements? Is it not rather an echo of the story of the dog in the manger?

Take Sunday games as an example. The Church says, "You won't come to church, so we will fight against your right to play on your only holiday."

What a relief it would be if the Church would frame a daring re-

solution against the gambling of its best supporters on the Stock Exchange!

There is, of course, not one iota of difference between the wealthy churchwardens' flutter with his stocks and shares and Bill Ramsbottom's shpence on three draws next Friday. The only difference is that Bill does not go to church, nor support the collections, and the wealthy churchwardens always gives so generously to the Bishop's appeal.

TACTFULLY (or should we say despicably?) the Church remains silent about the greater evil, but fulminates against poor Bill Ramsbottom.

Presumably, the same argument applies to the abolition of the stims, and the attack upon the Arms Ramp. You can't very well attack the very source of your own income, so you bleat about Football Pools.

Will the Football Pool Promoters become churchwardens by way of defence? Then they will not be attacked, if their donations are large enough.

The Manchester Conference almost coincided with the first anniversary of the death of "Dick" Sheppard, the greatest Churchman of them all.

He was not popular amongst his fellow Churchmen, but how popular he was among the common people, the same sort of people who send up their pools coupons, the same sort of people who used to hear Christ gladly!

Cockfight 'Fans' Have Own Club

Outside a very close and secret circle it is not known that there exists in this country an organisation known as the Ancient Society of Cockfights.

This centuries-old organisation protects the interests of cockfighters and acts as an insurance club whenever its members are caught and brought before the courts.

Subscriptions are voluntary but the list of patrons contains many distinguished names.

A member of the society said that when 21 defendants were fined a total of over £300 in North West-morland a few months ago, some of the fines and part of the cost of the defence were met by the society.

"Our Dumb Friends League, who were responsible for the prosecution in this case, think they have captured the ringleaders of the sport," he said.

"They are very much mistaken. In the north, where important mains are staged at regular intervals in isolated places, there is not one chance in a thousand of detection."

It is known, however, that enthusiasts at gatherings include magistrates and other influential men.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Here's a rush job, Sneed! The chef at the Hotel Nift wants plans for a skyscraper to be done in frozen sugar and meringue!"

DICK once wrote a book which he called *The Impatience of a Parson*. It was not popular among the officials of the church. It declared that the writer was heartily tired of the futile reactions of the official Church to the burning problems of the day.

Dick knew. He came face to face with life in the raw in the crypt of Saint Martin's. He knew that the Church had no answer for the hungry sheep that were not fed.

Dick was one who faced up to reality. When will the Church have the courage to do that?

The "mischievous menace" of to-day is not the Football Pools. It is, as Dick saw, the diabolical threatnings of modern barbarism under the name of war. It is the cry of the hungry for the sullen heartbreak of the workless. It is the threat of the very end of our so-called civilisation.

What would the Lord of the Church have said? I don't think He would have framed a pious resolution about Football Pools!

To-day's Thought

It is folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonably be expected to do.

—RICHARD WHATLEY.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING YET?

S'HAH TAIPANS DEMAND STRONGER BRITISH ACTION AGAINST JAPANESE

Whitehall Considering New Situation

LONDON, DEC. 20. THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF BRITISH BUSINESS-MEN WHO CONFERRED WITH SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR AND VICE-ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE IN SHANGHAI LAST WEEK-END ARE REVEALED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES" ON THE BASIS OF A PRIVATE REPORT RECEIVED IN LONDON.

The Correspondent says that the committee unanimously agreed that a policy of *laissez faire*, passive resistance or co-operation with the Japanese would bring destruction to British interests as its only result.

They advocated retaliatory action. They themselves did not touch on denunciation of the trade agreement, but whatever the Government intended to do they declare must be done quickly.

Should the Japanese establish a puppet federal government, the businessmen felt their difficulties would only increase for, according to their information, the Japanese would use such a government for eliminating foreign interests.

Finally they requested immediate and definite advice as to the British Government's plans.

The Correspondent says that Mr. Arita's statement yesterday is being carefully considered at Whitehall. On the face of it the statement seems bleak and uncompromising, but further details are awaited from Tokyo.—*Reuter*.

British, French Envoys Call on Japanese

TIENTSIN, Dec. 20. MR. J. B. AFFLECK, the British Consul-General here, and M. Lepesier, the French Consul here, called on Mr. Shigenori Tashiro, the Japanese Consul-General, at the latter's office here at noon to-day.

The British and French officials were understood to have posed queries regarding the strict precautions that have been enforced by the Japanese authorities on the borders between the foreign and the Japanese Concessions.

Explaining the steps taken by the Japanese, the Japanese Consul-General claimed that "anti-Japanese pro-Communist" elements had established their bases in the British and French Concessions, and alleged that the authorities of the British and the French Municipal Councils had so far failed to co-operate with the Japanese in suppressing subversive elements.

The Japanese official confirmed that the precautionary measures would be enforced with unabated vigour in pursuance of a "firm policy."

Assurances were given by the Japanese Consul-General, however, that conveyance of foodstuffs and other daily necessities to the British and French Concessions would not be prevented. The interview lasted about one hour.

In view of the policing measures enforced by the Japanese authorities against the people entering and leaving the British and French Concessions, the British, French, American and Italian consular authorities, since Monday, have been issuing identification cards to the foreign and Chinese residents in the affected districts.—*Daniel*.

MILITARY NECESSITY

Shanghai, Dec. 20. Referring to the Japanese military restrictions at the entrance and exit of the foreign concessions in Tientsin and Hankow, a Japanese spokesman stated that they were a military necessity to ensure that no arms or ammunition were smuggled into or out of the concessions.

He said that scores of cases of Shanghai grenades had been found in bamboo carrying-poles, while pistols had been hidden in cabbages and ammunition sewed in bedding.

Further Japanese demands from the French authorities at Hankow, it was revealed to-day, include the deportation of all Chinese interned in the concession after October 10, second a search of all houses in French Concession and the deportation of all anti-Japanese elements, thirdly the entrance of the Japanese military into the concession at any time.

Severe measures are at present being taken by Japanese sentries, who are searching all entering into French Concession, as well as foreigners, including women.

The price of foodstuffs and other articles are three times higher than in any of the other concessions, with eggs selling at 10 cents apiece.

The first snowstorm of the year in Hankow to-day enhanced the already very uncomfortable living conditions.—*United Press*.

Pope Celebrates Anniversary

Vatican City, Dec. 20. On the occasion of the 59th anniversary of his priesthood, Pope Pius XI spent an hour to-day with his secretary reading hundreds of telegrams from all over the world extending to him congratulations and good wishes.

The Pope's private chapel, where earlier in the morning he had celebrated mass, was packed with flowers.

His Holiness granted seven private audiences, and appeared to be in a satisfactory condition.—*United Press*.

Swedish Royalty To Visit United States

Washington, Dec. 20. The State Department to-day announced that Crown Prince Olaf and Crown Princess Martha of Sweden will visit the United States in April as guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Hyde Park.—*United Press*.

L.C.C. To Have Woman Chairman

London, Dec. 20. For the first time in its history the London County Council will next year, which is its jubilee year, be presided over by a woman.

The Labour Party has decided to nominate for the chairmanship, Mrs. Evelyn M. Lowe.

Mrs. Lowe has been a member of the L.C.C. since 1922.—*British Wireless*.

Japanese Abandon Monopoly Attempt

London, Dec. 20. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. J. Saurin (Cons) asked whether it was now confirmed that the Japanese were attempting to create a monopoly trade of raw cotton in the area around Shanghai.

Mr. R. A. Butler replying, stated that it appeared that the attempt to establish a monopoly had now been abandoned.—*Reuter*.

U.S. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. ACTION WITHOUT PRECEDENT in the annals of United States medical history was taken by a Federal Grand Jury to-day.

It has indicted the American Medical Association, three medical societies and 21 individual physicians, charging them with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The jury specifically charged the Association and others with preventing physicians and co-operative medical associations from supplying medical services, by refusing membership in medical societies to individual physicians who joined such groups.

The American Medical Association is on record as being vigorously opposed to Governmental attempts to socialise medicine.—*Reuter*.

MANCHESTER APPEAL FOR CHINA AID

London, Dec. 20. "IN CHINA, that great desolated land," almost everything is wanting—food, clothing and medical requisites.

"It is for this suffering of a heroic people in their darkest hour, standing firm to the ideals of freedom and national independence, that we again ask for help."

This moving appeal for the China Relief Fund, signed by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, the Mayor of Salford, the Bishop of Manchester, Sir Kenneth Stewart and 13 other prominent Lancashire personalities, was made in the "Manchester Guardian" to-day.

Concurrently with the appeal, the first year's report of the Manchester China Relief Committee shows that £23,533 was collected, of which £205 was retained against future expenses. The balance has all been expended in China.

Churches, industry, professions and trade unions were among the contributors. Many working parties were formed to make bandages, which are specially needed.

Three hundred successful meetings were held, and 100,000 leaflets and vast numbers of posters and pamphlets distributed.—*Reuter*.

Czech-Hungarian Parleys Continue

Prague, Dec. 20. Negotiations between Hungary and Czechoslovakia over the demarcation of the frontiers of the two countries have not been broken off.

The Slovak Government, however, has demanded this gesture as a protest against the grave frontier incident on the Hungarian-Slovak border, where Hungarian soldiers are said to have shot two Slovak frontier officials, and wounded one civilian.

The demarcation commission is continuing its labours, as the Prague Government considers the gesture suggested by the Slovak Government inopportune.

This does not, however, mean that Czechoslovakia has relinquished her demand for satisfaction. Czechoslovakia official quarters here expect that the Hungarian Government will take steps to prevent similar incidents in the future.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Prison For Fascist Who Incited Riots

Tunis, Dec. 20. An Italian resident, who is the Fascist leader, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined 500 francs on a charge of inciting to riot.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

General Elections May Follow Cabinet Schism

LONDON, Dec. 20. SERIOUS DIFFERENCES of opinion within the British Cabinet will lead to an early election, according to the "Evening News" to-night, which states that such a step by Mr. Chamberlain would clarify the political atmosphere, and also strengthen the position of the Prime Minister and his main collaborators.

The growing Cabinet crisis was the main topic of discussion to-day in political and press circles.

An increasing amount of criticism is being directed at the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the "Evening News" writing: "The prevailing impression is that Hore-Belisha will go. The accusation levelled against him is that while he makes confident speeches and has kept himself in the public eye, nothing has been done in his Ministry."

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. W. S. Morrison was attacked at Ipswich this afternoon by the National Farmers' Union, which passed a resolution expressing disappointment over "Mr. Morrison's attempts to occupy himself with agricultural problems." — *Trans-Ocean*.

PARLIAMENTARY UNEASINESS

London, Dec. 20. Reports of the resignation of a number of Ministers and a possible early general election were investigated to-day by "Reuter's" lobby correspondent, who writes that Mr. Chamberlain is investigating the resignations of some of the junior Ministers, and that it is improbable that anything more will be heard of the matter before the recess.

A general election within a few months is distinctly probable, as nothing is more calculated to delay the re-armament programme at what is admittedly still a critical period. There is a measure of parliamentary uneasiness over the present state of national defences, but this is not necessarily because of default by the Ministers responsible. This feeling is assisted by the fact that much of the work and progress is not disclosed.

A Ministry for Supply and a compulsory reserve continue to find their advocates, while there are members who doubt the wisdom and usefulness of the Premier's visit to Rome. Collectively, these dissentients produce an atmosphere of political unsettlement which does not go very deep when examined.

The most probable outcome appears to be that just before Parliament re-assembles on January 31, there will be a reshuffle of certain offices in accordance with the intention which the Premier is believed to have held for some time.

Neither Lord Maugham nor Viscount Runciman originally wished to remain indefinitely in the Government. Lord Winterbottom has not had a happy parliamentary passage during the present year, and therefore he comes into the list of forecast resignations.

Inasmuch as the Premier's investigations into junior Ministers' complaints might not convince him of the validity of their allegations, the names of those Ministers cannot be excluded from a list of possible changes.—*Reuter*.

Pan-American Talks Proceed Slowly

Lima, Dec. 20. The opinion is held here that the Pan-American Conference is proceeding slowly owing to introduction of foreign problems such as Spain into the scope of discussions.

Another factor is the sudden departure of the Argentine Foreign Minister whose movements have given rise to rumours.—*Reuter*.

H. K. U. Old Boy To Wed Saturday

The engagement is announced of Mr. Foo Eng Lin of Messrs. Henry Waugh & Co. Ltd., Ipoh, F.M.S., late of the Hongkong University, and Miss Leong Chee Yung, eldest daughter of Mr. Leong Siew Chee, of Ipoh.

The wedding will take place at the Registrar's Office on December 24 and will be followed by a reception at the New Celestial Dance Hall, Ipoh.

American Seaman On "Red" Charge

Hamburg, Dec. 20. It is learned that an American seaman, George Roth, was arrested aboard the United States liner Washington on November 29, and is being held for trial, charged with distributing Communist propaganda among German seamen.

The American Consulate here is co-operating with the Consulate-General in Berlin in efforts to aid Roth.—*United Press*.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Of Human Hearts" (King's Theatre, to-day).—A honest, sincere and moving film. Though somewhat spoiled by a melodramatic ending, the story of a stern frontier postor, his self-sacrificing wife and their strong-willed son who forgets gratitude in his selfish ambition benefits tremendously by Clarence Brown's fine direction and the performances of Eulalia Bonell, Walter Huston, James Stewart, Gene Reynolds, Gene Lockhart, Charles Coburn and Charley Grapewin.

"White Banners" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Sentimental inspirational drama which takes on a certain nobility through the excellent performances of its principal characters. Roy Bainter is the serving woman who enters a household on a cold winter morning and remains to become a firm counsellor and a strong defence against adversity when it arrives. The climax comes after the master of the house, a poor professor, has seen his "leaves of absence" in-vention stolen and is persuaded by the servant to try not fighting he will turn defeat into victory. Miss Bainter is outstanding, and others in the cast lend excellent support. Claude Rains, Kay Johnson, Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville, Henry O'Neill and James Stephenson are the supporters.

"Pride of the West" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Hopalong Cassidy, Clarence Mulford's famous character of the Western ranges, rides again in another thrilling story by the master of "Western" action. Bill Boyd again takes the role of the cowboy who likes to see the ends of justice met.

"Fire Over England" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Alexander Korda's splendid production returns. Well-made and good entertainment. "Rascals" (Gaiety Theatre, to-day).—Jane Withers, another of the child-stars so common these days, romps through this picture in light-hearted fashion.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says: "There were no more enquiries, but business remains on a small scale and prices are unchanged."

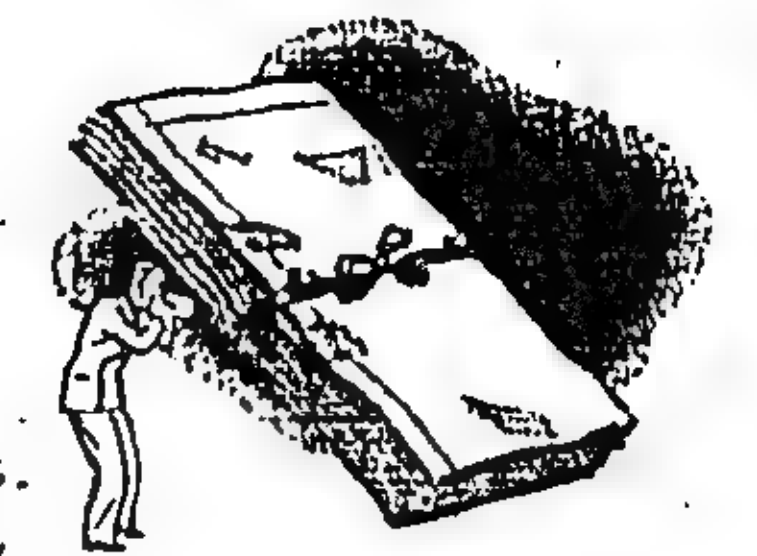
Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,330
Canton Insurance	\$203
Douglases	\$91
H.K. & C. Wharves	\$115
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$104
H.K. Docks (New)	\$174
Provident (Old)	\$23
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**Society Wedding at St. John's Cathedral To-day**

A BRILLIANT SOCIETY WEDDING will be solemnised at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon when Miss Phoebe Anne Dodwell will become the bride of Mr. Oliver Egerton*Christopher Marton.

Canton Couple Married

A wedding of interest to Canton residents took place this morning at St. John's Cathedral, when Miss Brunhilde Slater Rolfe became the bride of Mr. Leonard Arthur Scopes. The Rev. Cyril Brown officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who is the daughter of Colonel Victor Emmanuel Rolfe, and Mrs. Rolfe, of Shanghai, was given away in marriage by her father. She wore a smart suit in Windsor-blue wool, with an off-the-face hat and accessories to tone.

Miss Nina Quin was the only bridesmaid, and wore a frock of navy lace, with hat and accessories to match. The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. Arthur Edward Scopes, journalist, and Mrs. Scopes, of 90 Arran Road, London, S.E. 6, England. He was educated at Cambridge. He has been in H.B. M. Consular Service in Antwerp and Saigon, and is at present Vice-Consul at Shanghai. Mr. Erik Huttenlocher undertook the

The bride, who is well-known and popular in local society circles, is the eldest daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, of 301, The Peak, Hongkong, and of Woking, Surrey.

The bridegroom is the son of Lieut. Col. R. O. Martin, C.M.G., D.S.O., late of the Royal Artillery, and Mrs. Martin, of New Romney, Kent.

The Very Rev. Dean Wilson will officiate at the ceremony.

The bride will wear a smart gown of white and silver brocade and will carry a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

The Misses Diana, Patricia and Peregrine Dodwell, Betty Fair and Peggy Humphreys, will be present as bridesmaids. They will wear white chiffon gowns.

Mrs. Dodwell, the bride's mother, will wear a stylish gown in burgundy velvet.

The Hon. Mr. Dodwell will give his daughter away, whilst the duties of best man will be undertaken by Mr. R. G. Gee.

The wedding reception will be held at the Hongkong Club.

Later a reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

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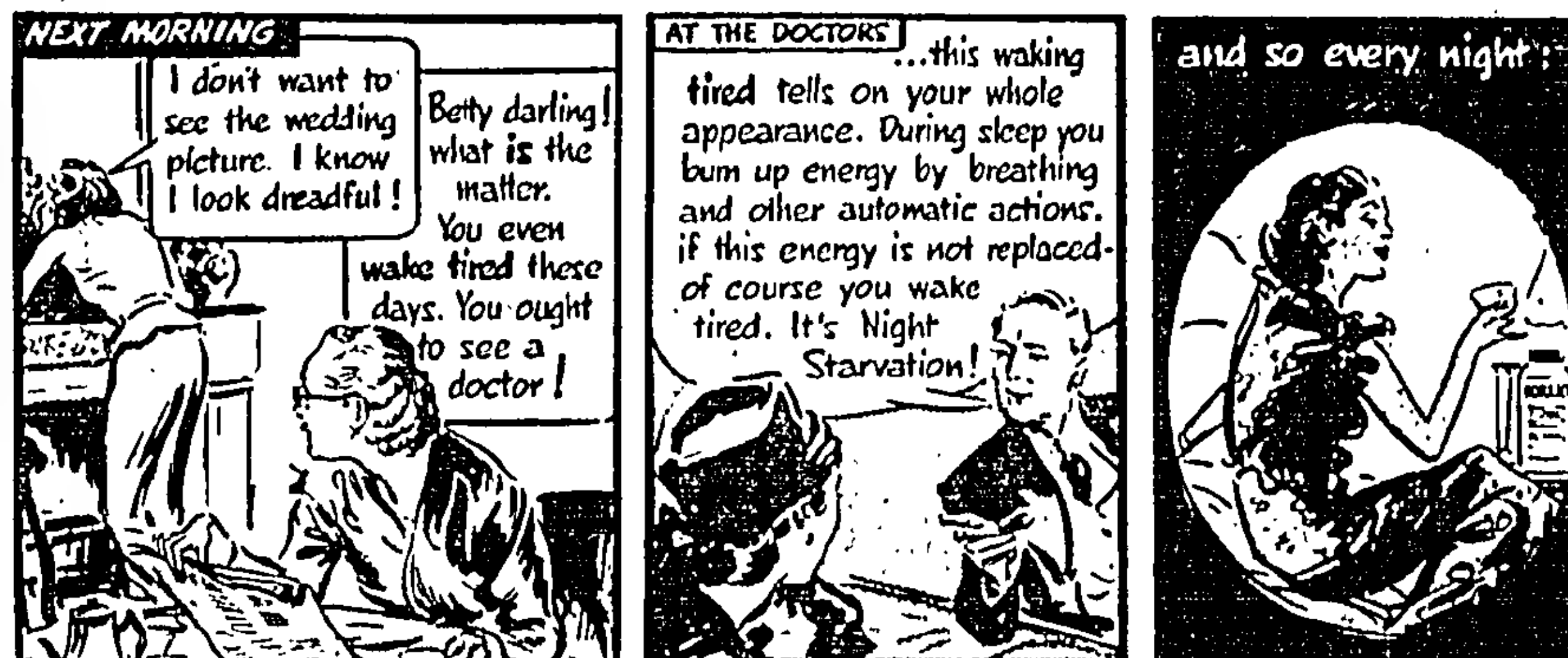
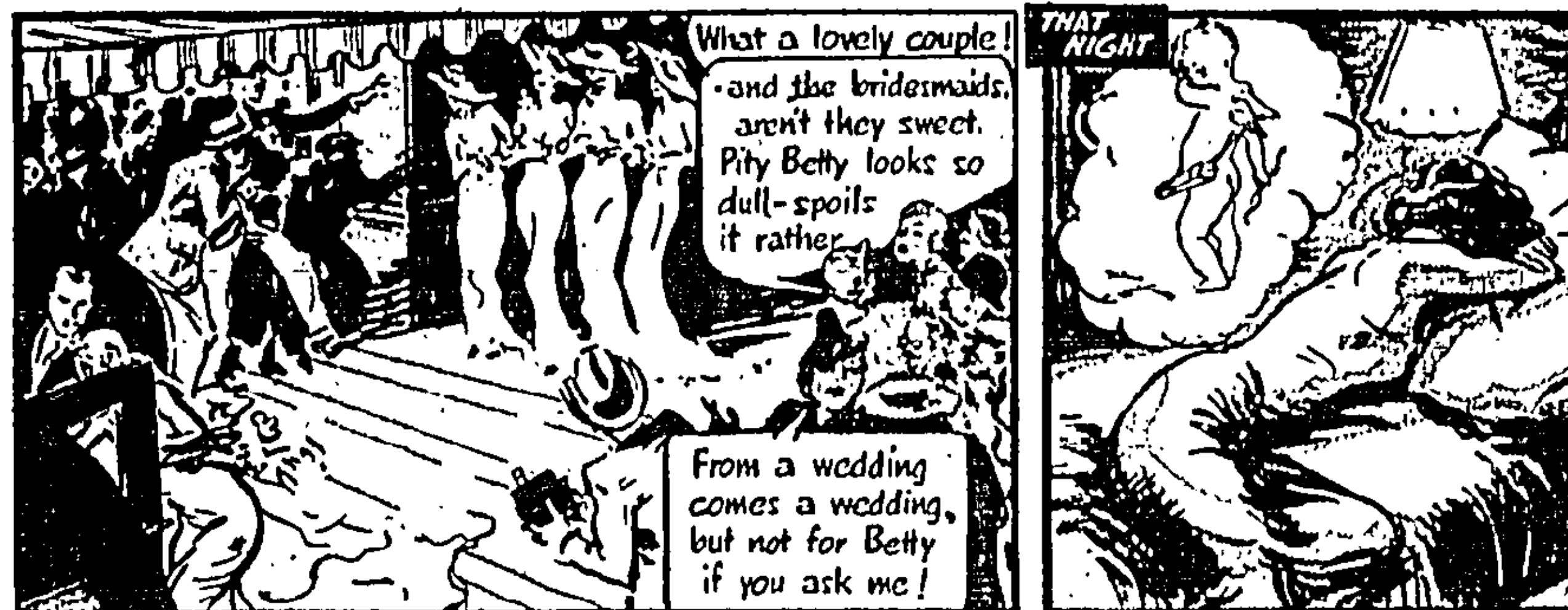
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WISE DECISION MADE BY THE P.G.A.

When the next ranking list of Britain's golf professionals is drawn up, it will be victories only, and not ability to get round in a low score that will influence the Professional Golfers' Association.

The P.G.A., controllers of the Vardon Trophy competition, which settles the professional championship, have hitherto based their findings on average scores.

The competition concerns major tournaments, such as the Open Championship, the "Silver King," and the News-Chronicle's £1,000 contest. The P.G.A. note the scores returned in these competitions and rank players accordingly.

With the following rather extraordinary result last season: Henry Cotton, who played fine golf but was dogged by the worst of luck, did not win a single major tournament, yet when they worked out his average score he was the winner of the Vardon Trophy and therefore the champion of the year!

When Reg Whitcombe, the open champion, heard this he felt that he had been bunkered out of turn and was more than a few words.

ANOMOLOUS

Do not think Cotton is going to apologise for going round in fewer strokes than anyone else. He isn't. He played the required minimum of 16 rounds, and won the trophy fairly, according to the rules of the competition.

At the same time he will admit that it is a bit anomalous that neither Whitcombe, the open winner, nor Perry, who won the events last summer, should not be the champion of the year. The result actually was Cotton (average 72.87) 1, Whitcombe (73.35) 2, Perry (73.4) 3.

This only goes to show that a golfer's score are not a dependable guide to his tournament-winning powers. By the same rule you cannot judge a cricketer's value by his averages.

So next season the P.G.A. will employ a new system. They will borrow the one used in cross-country running. In this testing pastime the winner of a race scores 1 point for his team, the second man 2, the third 3, and so on.

That is how this golf will be worked. If Cotton wins the open he will

score one point. If he is 20th (dreadful though) he will be credited with 20—and the player with the smallest aggregate will of course, be the victor.

FAIRER WAY

On that basis, a golf expert worked it out that last season's winner—and therefore the year's best golfer—would, strikingly enough, have been Reg Whitcombe with 56 points. Perry would have been second with 59 and Cotton third with 70.

He also pointed out that one important drawback to the "average score" system is the weather. A score of 60, say, in perfect summer conditions is surely not so good as a 76 returned against blustering wind and driving rain?

No one can quarrel with a record based on results. That's why the League football system always works so well, and why the county cricket table, so long as it is governed by percentages, will always lead to arguments.

The P.G.A. have made a wise change. Being placed among the first 12 professionals is a matter of great importance to British golfers, and it is as well that the ranking should be above criticism.

AMERICAN SCULLER'S SUCCESS

The final of the Colquhoun Sculls on November 19 at Cambridge was won by an American oarsman, Hugh Parker, of Tabor Academy, Concord, the first American champion of the Cam in the long series of winners.

Bunting Howell, who won the Wingfield in 1936, was a Cambridge man but records do not show him as ever having won the Colquhoun.

Parker gained an early lead and won easily. His opponent lost distance through steering wide at Grassy Corner. Result: Back Stanger, 1; Parker (Tabor, Acad., U.S.A., Trinity Hall) 1. Front Stanger: E. G. P. Sherwood (Marlborough, Christ's) 2. Won by 11 sec. in 8 min. 11 sec.

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Not Always Safe To Do This Thing



This is not always a safe thing to do, but in the present case the goal-keeper, Pau Ka-ping, of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, is wide awake and no harm is done. An incident in the charity soccer match on Sunday when the Chinese defeated the Hongkong F. A. by four goals to nil. The Association forwards tried hard to score in the second half without success, and Lee Tin-sang is here seen heading the ball back to Pau when harried by Fowler.—Photo by Jaffer.

Here And There With "Abe"

Readers Want Box-Scores Of Softball Matches

YESTERDAY I received two letters, one from a fair reader and the other from a visitor from Shanghai, asking why local newspapers do not publish the box-scores of softball matches played in the Ladies' League. "Couldn't you beg, borrow, steal or otherwise pilfer those elusive box-scores from the many coaches, trainers and scribes venturing out their Eveready Fabers at these matches?" asks "A Lady Fan." "If you do watch these Ladies' softball tilts—but then I suppose most Sports Editors are too busy (sic) to give much attention to this new-born infant—you must have noticed how this modified game of wot has taken on; so what about the box-scores for those Sunday morning games?" The visitor from Shanghai says, "I really do believe that the box-scores of these games are the meat of the whole story, as from them one can gather many illuminating facts which would otherwise escape deserved attention." This "new-born infant" having developed into a lusty kicking babe, I was not entirely surprised to receive two such letters; it was inevitable that a time would come when the game's adherents would demand more attention to it, and consequently more space in the papers.

It Has Caught On

THAT the game has caught on in Hongkong there can be no doubt at all. A visit to King's Park any Sunday morning will convince even the most sanguine of that. Personally I have not been able to whip myself into the same degree of enthusiasm for the sport as some of my friends have; but then I cannot expect these same friends to reveal the same keenness for the games which I find so enjoyable. It's just a matter of taste. Except to those who understand the intricate system of scoring—and not every softballer, I am sure, does understand—the jumble of figures conveys little to most people. It's not like cricket scores, where you can tell at a glance how many runs a batsman has made. One doesn't necessarily have to be a cricketer to be able to understand cricket scores; but one has to know quite a great deal of baseball in order to tell how a game went by the box-scores. Even as it is some people are of the opinion that enough space is already being devoted by the local papers to the sport. One very keen cricketer was extremely disgruntled when the cricket scores on a recent Saturday were not printed in full the following day. "It's scandalous," he snorted. "Columns and columns of softball and only one column of cricket!" That's the worst part about upsetting an established practice! Usually there are three or four columns of cricket scores every Sunday morning.

Filipp To Game

IF anything was needed to fan the flame of interest sweeping over the Colony, the visit of the American girls provided it. These girls set a new standard of play in Hongkong with their splendid pitching and spectacular fielding. Before their exhibition at Caroline Hill, softball here was... well, it was just softball. But the visitors taught us how softball could be made to be played like baseball, and consequently with the new technique the game has stepped up considerably, especially in the men's matches. While

local girls have not yet attained the same degree of proficiency which makes their matches really interesting to watch, some of the men's encounters now contain a great amount of skill. Indications are not lacking that the game has come to stay. This being so, every endeavour will be made in future to publish box-scores whenever space permits.

New Rules

THE game, it is reported from the United States, continues to alter its rules to make them more like the code of its big brother—baseball. Clarence E. Brewer of Detroit, chairman of the joint rules committee of the Amateur Softball Association, has announced that the only major change for 1939 will permit the scoring of runs on a wild pitch, passed ball or throw-back from the catcher to the pitcher. In the past runners have been forced to stay on third base on wild pitches, passed balls or throwbacks, although they could go from first to second or from second to third when these plays developed. Brewer says the latest move to make softball's rules similar to those of baseball was needed to help the offence. In 1937 the sacrifice was voted into the softball rules.

Team For Saigon

APPEARING elsewhere in this issue are the names of four players selected to represent Hongkong in the Far Eastern tennis championships to be held at Saigon from January 7 to 14. As none of the four can be ranked within the first five in the Colony, the selection cannot be said to be a representative one; but as most of the leading players either cannot obtain the necessary leave or are not keen to take part in the championships, it is probably the best team we can send in the circumstances. When I spoke to him a fortnight ago, Tsui Yuen-pui was almost certain of being able to go to Saigon, but apparently he has changed his mind. His brother, Tsui Wai-pui, the Davis Cupper and Colony champion, was never at any time certain of being able to make the trip, and because of the uncertainty in his case all along, his declination of the invitation does not come as a surprise now. All the same it must have been a blow to the Hongkong L.T.A. that even with hotel expenses in Saigon and return passage guaranteed, a stronger side has not been available. To have our leading players pitted against men like Yoon Peira, Kho Sin-kie as well as the Filipino stars would have done Colony tennis an immeasurable amount of good.

This Lou Nova

HIS ability to beat, and nearly knock out, Tommy Farr stamps Lou Nova as a most promising fighter. A husky Californian, he battles in carrots, beef juice and sugar, and the sober American critics who saw him knock out Gunner Baerlund believe he is more promising at the age of 25 than was Gene Tunney. And this is saying plenty! He is also somewhat of a Bombastic Fartist, if the story is true that, on entering his dressing-room before a fight, he sniffed the air, found it not to his liking, and said, "Give this room to my opponent." Whatever he hasn't got, the man certainly has nerve.

POPULAR MEMBER FAREWELLED

A. A. Aziz Leaving Colony On Sunday

Some 50 members of the Indian Recreation Club gathered together in the club-house at dinner last evening to say farewell to Mr. A. A. Aziz, one of their most popular sportsmen, who is leaving the Colony on Christmas Day. Mr. Aziz is returning to his native Malaya after a stay of more than ten years in Hongkong.

Mr. A. el Arculli, President of the Club, was in the chair and spoke of the many sterling qualities of Mr. Aziz, whom he described as one of the

Players Selected To Represent Colony

Four players have been selected to represent Hongkong at the Far Eastern tennis championships from January 7 to 14 at Saigon. They are Tenny Kwok, Lai Kwong-tsun; Chan Chai-kung and Szeto Bick. The team will leave early in January.

most cheerful men he knew. The Club knew him well as a cricketer—he has only just relinquished the captaincy of the Junior Eleven—but also in other forms of sport he was well-known not only in the community but also throughout the Colony.

Mr. Arculli expressed the regret of the members at Mr. Aziz's departure, especially as there was little possibility of his return in the near future, but he assured Mr. Aziz that if ever he did return there would always be a welcome for him at the Club (Applause). Mr. Arculli concluded by wishing Mr. Aziz good luck and prosperity in his new sphere of activity.

Mr. Aziz suitably replied, thanking the members for the honour they had done him and wishing them success in the Cricket League, which starts next month.



Miss Ann Taylor gave her partner, W. A. H. Duff, splendid support in the final of the Colony mixed doubles tennis championship against Comdr. Kennedy and Miss Madge Griffiths. —Photo by Jaffer.

M. C. C. PLAN 30-HOUR TEST MATCHES

FIVE-DAYS LIMIT IN GAMES IN ENGLAND

London, Nov. 23.

England wants standardised Test matches with Australia. Limit them to thirty hours is the idea. Forget about timeless Tests and all the other things which puzzle or irritate the enthusiasts.

The Advisory County Cricket Committee think Tests would be better in this country if they consisted of five six-hour days. Australia could carry on with six five-hour days. The committee, meeting in London yesterday, decided to put the proposal before the Australian Board of Control.

It does not mean that thirty hours' cricket must be played if there is time lost by the weather. "This would be getting back to the timeless Test idea," said a prominent legislator last night. "If we had rain, that would mean so many hours of the thirty lost. All we want is to be on a par with Australia."

It's Australia's move now. Australia's tour in this country last season resulted in a profit of £42,000. Those counties which had the Tests (Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Middlesex and Surrey) and the M.C.C. each receive £2,350. Other counties will receive £1,600 each. Each minor county and the universities will get £220.

An Australian writer, quoted by Reuters, anticipates a £25,000 share for Australia. Final figures will not be known until Manager W. H. Jones reports.

Worcestershire's proposal that every first-class county should have equal representation on the Board of Control was defeated.

REGISTRATION SCHEME

The Middlesex proposal that the registration scheme of county cricketers should be prepared for consideration of first-class counties was accepted. M.C.C. will choose a sub-committee to get on with the job. The Board of Control have decided that no Test trials will be played in 1939 or 1940.

The selection sub-committee, increased from three to four, including two first-class county captains, is to be continued on an experimental basis. Sir Pelham Warner is not seeking nomination again.

Two vacancies for trustees caused by the death of Lord Hawke and the retirement of Mr. A. J. Webb will be filled in the spring.

£42,000 PROFIT ON AUSTRALIAN TOUR Counties' Large Share

London, Nov. 23.

The net profit on the Australian tour in England last summer amounted approximately to £42,000. It was announced at the Board of Control meeting, also at Lord's.

Although not a record, the profit compares favourably with that of previous Australian visits to this country, and but for the washed-out Test at Manchester, where not a ball could be bowled, all past figures would have been beaten easily.

The distribution of profits was:

£3,350 to the M.C.C. and each county on whose ground Test matches were played.

£1,600 to each county on whose ground Test matches were not played.

£220 to each Minor County and University.

It is estimated that over a period of four years the counties who stage Test matches on their grounds have received an average of £1,400 per annum towards the cost of maintenance and improvements.

For next summer, when the West Indies will be in England, three Test matches of three days each have been arranged. The hours of play will be 11.30 to 6.30 on the first two days and 11 to 6.30 on the last day. The price of admission will be 2s.

The board decided that the new Selection Sub-Committee to be appointed next spring shall be constituted on the experimental basis of four members, including two county captains, as last year. It was announced that Sir Pelham Warner did not wish to seek nomination on the committee, and a hearty vote of thanks for his services and those of the other selectors was passed.

There will be no Test Trial matches in 1939 or 1940.

A resolution which received approval by the board was that in future, as often as can be arranged, the 12th man in Test matches should be a player on the staff of the club on whose ground the match is played, and the M.C.C. will definitely carry this out at Lord's. The reason is to lessen any handicap to the county teams.

Owing to the death of Lord Hawke and the retirement of Mr. A. J. Webb, who asked to be relieved at the end of the year, two new trustees will be appointed at the Spring Meeting.

Those present at the meeting were: Earl Baldwin (chairman), A. Sellers and J. H. Nash (Yorks), Sir

Pelham Warner and R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex), Rev. H. R. N. Ellison (Derby), Lt.-Comdr. V. J. Robinson and Major H. A. Henson (Glos.), W. N. Riley and W. L. Knowles (Sussex), A. J. Spelling (Essex), H. D. C. Leveson Gower and A. F. Davey (Surrey), T. A. Higson and R. Howard (Lancashire), H. A. Brown (Notts), Col. Sir Stanley Jackson, Col. C. Haseltine, S. Christopherson, R. H. Twining and W. Lindsay Everard (M.C.C.).

TEST TOUR CHANGES INDICATED

M.C.C. Secretary On Present-Day Bowling

Material changes in the programme of future Australian teams visiting this country were indicated by Lieut.-Colonel Rait-Kerr, secretary of the M.C.C., in a speech to county secretaries yesterday.

If the Australian Board of Control accepted the formula that Tests in England should be of five days' duration, it was obvious, remarked the M.C.C. secretary, that the Australians would not be able to carry out such an extended programme.

He did not, however, suggest the manner in which it would be curtailed.

Colonel Rait-Kerr had something to say on the highly controversial subject of wickets. He could not find any evidence that wickets today were enormously different from what they were in 1910.

Various steps had been taken to help the bowler, yet as far as the game was concerned the most unsatisfactory aspect was the bowling.

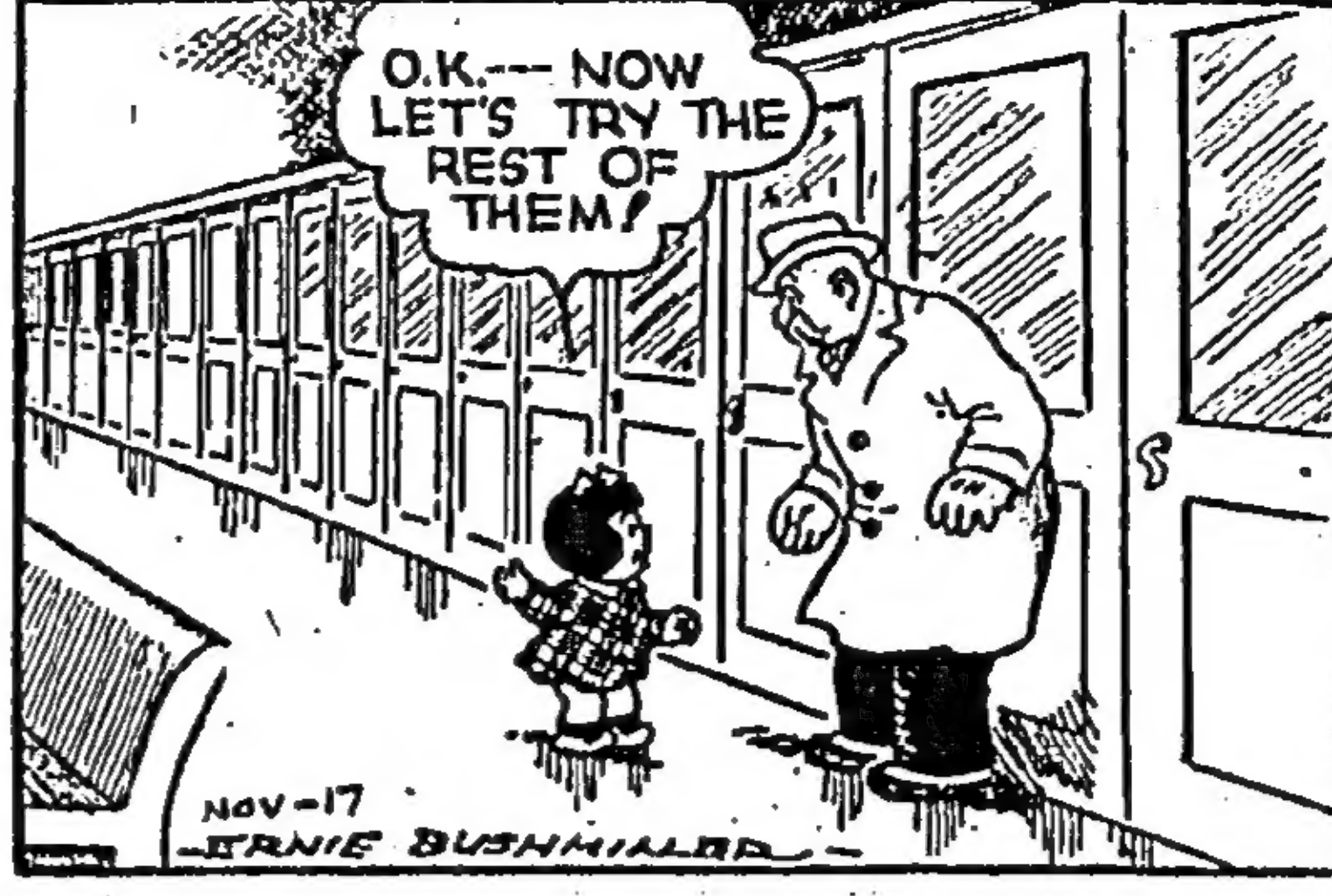
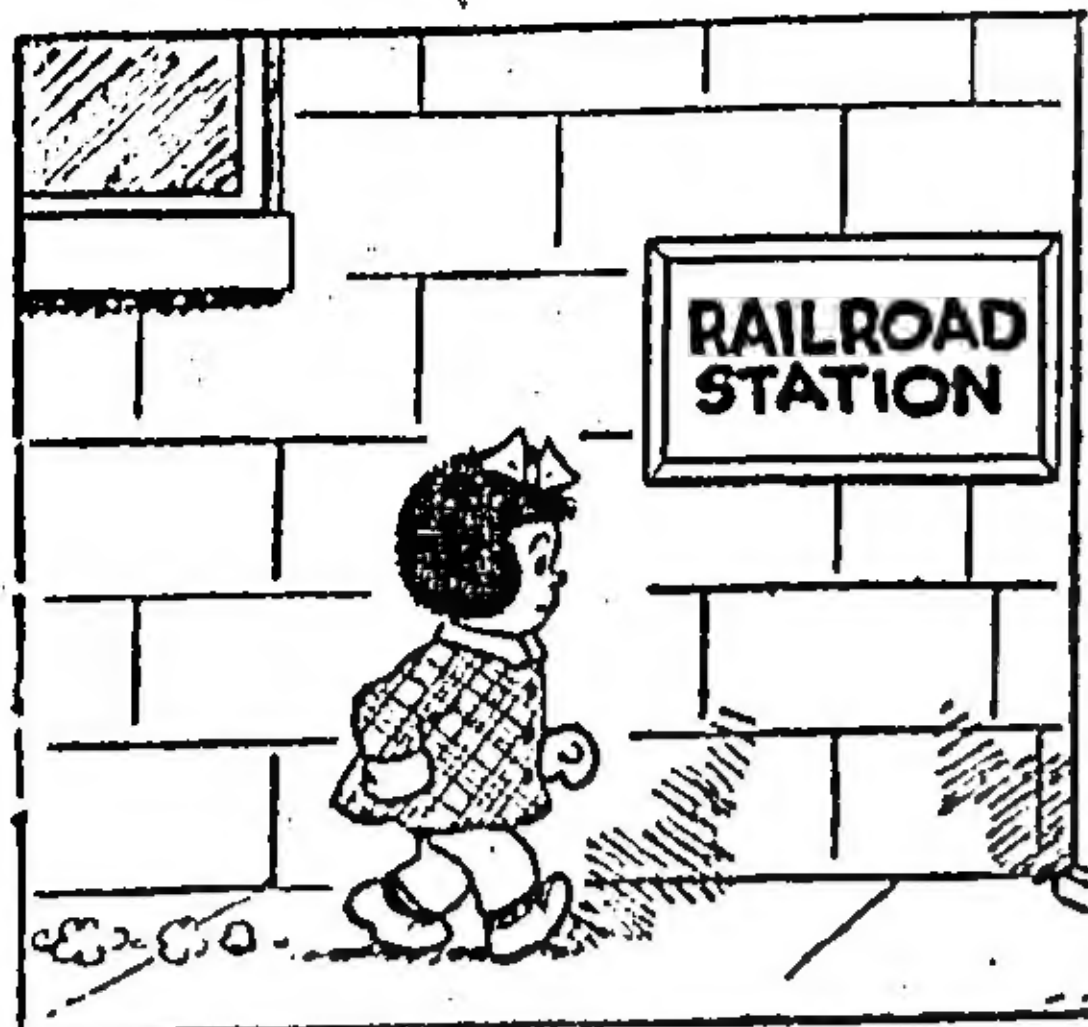
He appealed to bowlers to pay greater attention to accuracy, and instanced the success of O'Reilly, whose greatness he maintained was due to his accuracy.

Boat Race Date

THE annual Inter-University Boat Race will take place over the historic Putney-to-Mortlake course on Saturday, April 1. The state of the tide on that day will necessitate a start from the University Stone at about 10.30 a.m.

Here's Luck!
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Local Soccer Fixtures For The Week-End

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MATCHES ANNOUNCED

The following are the fixtures arranged by the Hongkong Football Association for to-day, to-morrow and the Christmas holidays:

TO-DAY

Junior Shield Replay

24th R.A. v. R.A.O.C. (Sookun-poo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Molyneux.

TO-MORROW

Third Division (A)

36th R.A. v. Stanley (Military, 4 p.m.). Referee: Walsh.

Third Division (B)

R.A.M.C. v. Stonecutters W.S. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Francis.

SATURDAY

First Division

Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 4 p.m.). Referee: Ip. Linemen: J. Somerville and Stone. St. Joseph's v. Club (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.). Referee: Hooper. Linemen: McLaughlin and See Po-wai. Middlesex v. South China (A) (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.). Referee: Finch. Linemen: Purnell and Wilson.

Police v. South China (B) (Boundary Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: Higgins. Linemen: W. Somerville and Dove.

Navy v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.). Referee: Omar. Linemen: Wilken and Barretto.

Second Division

Police v. R.A.O.C. (Boundary Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Chik. St. Joseph's v. Club (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Stedman. Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Ottaway. Middlesex v. South China (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Purnell.

5th R.A. v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Mac-Cormac. Eastern v. R. Engineers (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Havelaar.

Third Division (A)

Royal Scots v. Electric (Military, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Silva. South China v. R.A.S.C. (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee: Marriott.

Third Division (B)

R.E. (B) v. Signals (Chatham Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Donner. R.A.F. v. Stonecutters (Prince Edward Rd., 2.30 p.m.). Referee: McIlgrew.

Kinson R. v. A.S.A. (Prince Edward Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: Wypet.

24th R.A. v. University (Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.). Referee: Phillips.

Medicals v. Powhatan (Military, 4 p.m.). Referee: Aylwin.

MONDAY, DEC. 23

Sunday Herald Charity Cup (Semi-Final)

Portugal v. Ireland (Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.). Referee: Ip. Linemen: Finch and Clark.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

Sunday Herald Charity Cup (1st Round)

China v. Scotland (Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.). Referee: Omar. Linemen: Stedman and Ottaway.

Second Division

Kwong Wah v. R.A.O.C. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Gamlin.

South China v. Royal Scots (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee: Edwards.

Eastern v. 5th R.A. (Club, 4 p.m.). Referee: Brothwell.

Third Division (A)

South China v. 5th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Hartley.

R.A.S.C. v. Kit Che (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Farr.

F.W.D. v. 30th R.A. (Club, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Waldron.

Third Division (B)

Stonecutters v. A.S.A. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Smith.

Medicals v. University (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.). Referee: Burgess.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

Junior Shield (3rd Round)

R.A.O.C. or 24th R.A. v. Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee: Molyneux.

ESCOBAR BEATEN

Washington, Dec. 20. In a 10-round bout to-night Al Mancini, 124 lb. of Providence, gained the decision over Sixto Escobar, 121 lb. of Puerto Rico. The fight was not for the title as Mancini failed by 14 oz. to make weight.—United Press.



Note the determined look on W. A. H. Duff's face as he smiles the ball. Picture was taken at the Chinese R.C. on Saturday when Duff and Miss Taylor won the Colony mixed doubles tennis.—Photo by Jaffer.

NAVAL SAILING

Results Of Ah King Cup Series On Sunday

The following were the results of the 5th. race in the Ah King Cup series held on Sunday last: 1, Gina (Lieut. Medd); 2, Brum; 3, Lerryn (Lieut. Edmonds).

Whiteruff (Lieut.-Comdr. Hall), Mary Ann II (Lieut. Fanshawe), Stear (Lieut. Simpson), Lutine (Sergeant-Lieut. Moryck), Dunlin (Lieut.-Comdr. Nicholls) and Cristina were other contestants.

RECREIO "A" FORGES AHEAD

Another Success In Badminton League

The Club de Recreio "A" ladies team scored an easy victory over the "B" team in the Ladies' Badminton League last evening, winning by nine sets to nil. Scores:

Miss M. Oliveira and Miss H. Ribeiro ("B") lost to Mrs. N. Castro and Miss M. Xavier 5-21; lost to Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss M. Ribeiro 12-21; lost to Miss C. M. Silva and Miss M. Silva 12-21.

Miss S. Remedios and Miss I. Pereira ("B") lost to Mrs. Castro and Miss M. Xavier 3-21; lost to Miss Ribeiro and Miss Ribeiro 11-21; lost to Miss Silva and Miss Silva 16-21.

Mrs. Cita Souza and Mrs. A. Noronha ("B") lost to Mrs. Castro and Miss Xavier 10-21; lost to Miss Ribeiro and Miss Ribeiro 7-21; lost to Miss Silva and Miss Silva 8-21.

"B" DIVISION

In the "B" Division of the Men's League, the V.R.C. defeated the Sailors and Soldiers' Home by eight sets to one last evening. Scores:

S. A. Rumjahn and W. Fisher (V.R.C.) beat Walker and Thom 21-7; beat Nicholson and Cussack 21-8; beat Griffiths and Manuel 21-16.

D. M. Xavier and A. Ulrich (V.R.C.) beat Walker and Thom 24-22; beat Nicholson and Cussack 21-13.

Hockey

University Defeated At Macao Good Recovery In Second Half

Macao, Dec. 20. Macao's second eleven secured a well-earned victory against the Hongkong University in a hockey match played here this afternoon, scores at close of play being four goals to two.

Play was extremely fast throughout and both sides were in fine form. Macao commenced the attack but the defence was equal to the situation counter attacking with equal vigour. Santos Ferreira, Macao's pivot, proved himself a stalwart player, stalling the University's efforts to open the score. In ten minutes, the local side had obtained the upper hand when Borges, inside right, broke past Tam and Leou and registered with an easy shot. Macao was credited with a second goal when Gustavo Silva took the ball on his own into the enemy citadel and getting past the goalie, Gupto.

A feature of the second half was the strenuous attacks by University forwards who missed a fine chance in a short corner. Goncalves, inside left, added a third goal to Macao's score and a fourth was soon secured for the home team. Undiscouraged, the visitors persevered and Ling, the University centre-forward, made no mistake from a pass. The last goal was registered by Tan, outside-right for the University, who directed a flying ball clean between Macao's goal-posts.

University.—Gupta; Tam, Leou; Soares, Teoh, Hui; Tan, K. S. Oh, Ling, Ching, Hans Raj. Macao.—Santoso; Batista, J. Rosario; J. Silva, Santos Ferreira, Noronha; Marinho, Borges, G. Silva, Goncalves, C. Rosario.—Our Own Correspondent.

Navy Rushes To Aid "Cursed" Islanders

Paris, Dec. 20. The French Government has asked the United States navy to aid in the rescue of 48 Colonists and seamen who are marooned on the "cursed island" of St. Paul, in the Indian Ocean.

The request followed a radio appeal, which had been flashed round the world, picked up by an amateur operator at Bremerton in the State of Washington, from where it had been relayed to Washington and from thence to United States warships off the French coast, and finally to Paris.

The French Government has sent French warships at full speed to the island to help the colonists.

The Governor-General of Madagascar has cabled that all attempts to communicate with the colonists by radio have failed.

There are 12 colonists, headed by a Dutchman named John De Goers.—United Press.

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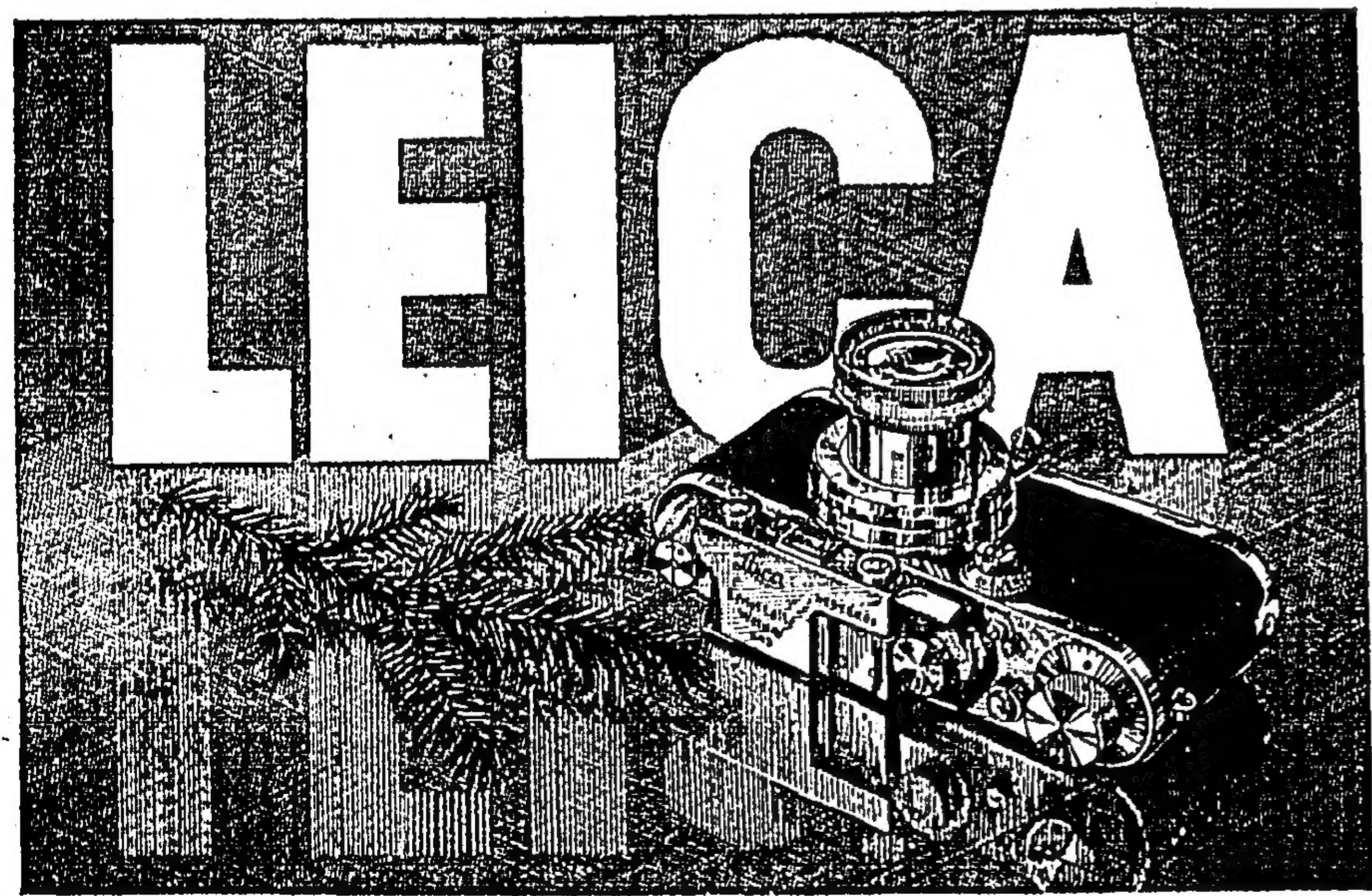
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SUPPER SWEETS

WHETHER you're having a party or just a few friends in for a quiet evening, these easy-to-eat sweets will be much appreciated.

Chocolate mould, for instance, is a sure favourite, especially if each guest has a small one made in an individual fancy shape.
It is made with 1 pint milk, 2 table-spoonfuls cornflour, 2oz. sugar, 1oz. chocolate powder, or a grated penny bar, a few drops of vanilla essence.
Mix the cornflour and chocolate with a little of the cold milk to form a smooth paste, boil the remainder of the milk with the sugar, add the cornflour mixture, and continue to boil and stir for two minutes.
Stir in the vanilla essence, pour into a wet mould, and leave to set. Turn out and sprinkle with desiccated coconut or chopped almonds.

RECIPES FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

BEEF LOAF

1lb. minced beef, 1/4lb. fat bacon (minced), 1/4lb. breadcrumbs, 2 tomatoes, 1 egg.

MIX the meat and breadcrumbs well, skin and cut the tomatoes, and add them to the mixture, moisten with the egg.

Put the mixture into a stone jar and steam for about two hours. Serve cold with salad.

CHEESE AND PARSNIP SAVOURY

2lb. parsnips, 1/2lb. grated cheese, 1oz. butter or margarine, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoonful mixed mustard.

PREPARE the parsnips, cut into small pieces and boil in salted water until tender. Drain and mash with the cheese and butter or margarine.

Lastly, add the eggs, well beaten. Bake in a buttered pie dish in a brisk oven until nicely browned.

This makes a tasty hot dish. If preferred, it can be eaten cold with salad.

One-Minute Hint
PIPECLAY and water made into a paste will remove stains from wallpaper. Leave on for 24 hours and then brush off lightly.



Brother and sister go as Safety First and the Messenger of Peace. Two popular and topical figures.

Honey Fillings

A NUMBER of delicious fillings for sandwiches, spongecakes, and tarts can be made with honey as a basis. For example, it can be used with mashed banana, proportions as desired.

Honey and walnut sandwiches are a treat, particularly if malted bread is used.

Spread the honey on first, chop the walnuts finely, and sprinkle them over.

Honey mixed with ground almonds makes another good filling.

Ginger honey is particularly tasty in tarts and Victoria sandwiches. Add ten drops of essence of ginger and two ounces of chopped crystallised ginger to one pound of thick honey.

Those who find honey too sweet often like it better if a few drops of lemon juice are added.

Improving The Colour Of Food

THE colour of rhubarb is improved and the syrup sweeter and richer if a few cubes of red jelly are added with the sugar.

A teaspoonful of lemon juice added to the cooking water improves the colour of boiled rice.

To make boiled white fish whiter, rub it over before cooking with a cut lemon.

To improve the colour of cakes of the Madeira variety, add a dessert-spoonful of golden syrup to the creamed butter and sugar.

Add the same quantity of black treacle to Dundee and plum cake mixtures.

MOTHERS are driven nearly distracted at this time of year by, on one side, a small son who announces: "Mother I have to be a cowboy in the school play," and on the other by ten-year-old Ann's pleading tones: "I want to go as the Fairy Queen to Joan's party."

Patterned for you to-day are four fancy dresses that you can make up at home. Let's take the Bellshin Deacon first.

The suit is composed of alternate stripes of black and white sixteen or cotton fabric with orange headress. The boy could carry a short thin pole bound with red, green and amber fabric to represent traffic lights.

A red triangle, the thirty-miles-an-hour sign, as well as that indicating a school, could be utilised.

A voile dress could be used for the Messenger of Peace. Cut the bodice maygar shape and thread silver ribbon down the front, crossing over to tie at back.

Wings are made from thin silver tissue from the sixpenny store, and wired at the edge. A coronet or silver leaves mounted on cardboard for the hair and the word Peace embroidered in silver thread down the front.

Now to describe the two grown-up costumes. "Superstitions," is an excellent choice.

You require a dress of green satin with various superstitions cut out of silver or coloured paper.

For instance, it is supposed to be unlucky to see the new moon through twigs or through glass; crossed knives, ladders, cracked mirrors, "unlucky 13," black cats, horseshoes, are some of the more common. Wear a close-fitting cap or bandeau with a reversed horseshoe or crescent moon in front.

For the Welsh costume. An old shoulder shawl can be brought out for this dress.

The frock is of dark woollen fabric with full sleeves of white organdie or muslin. A large checked gingham apron is worn over it. Over the frilled white mob cap is the usual high-crowned black hat.

Care With LIPSTICK

APPLY your lipstick with care and precision. One application of the indelible variety should be sufficient for a whole day provided it is put on correctly in the first place. Pay as much as you can for your lipstick and give yourself an extra minute or two for its application when you are getting ready for your daily round.

FOODS MEN PREFER

OBSERVERS were asked recently to note what business men in restaurants choose for their midday meal. The favourite dishes turned out to be roast beef and two vegetables, fried fish and chips, and suet pudding.

Housewives, probably, will not be surprised at this result. Years of experience in "feeding the brute" have shown them that he distrusts innovations. Give a man something "dashing" in the vegetarian line instead of the roast joint he is expecting and he will demand, "What-ever is this?" Then he will either leave it or eat it with an air of martyrdom, according to how badly, or how well, he has been brought up!

Where some men are concerned it is not even necessary to produce something completely out of the ordinary to excite suspicion and disapproval.

One has only to cook a familiar food a new way. For example, a wife who took a lot of trouble to make a piece of steak more tasty than usual by adding a new sort of forcement was asked by an ungrateful husband, "Why on earth can't we have 'honest' meat?"

Women Like a Change

Women, on the whole, take more kindly to changes of diet. Forsaking the habits of our grandmothers, we have grape fruit, oranges, or bananas at breakfast time, and turn a disdainful eye on the man of the house consuming rashers of bacon and egg.

For lunch or dinner we welcome French dishes of the omelette and soufflé kind though we may not care to go to the trouble of preparing them when we eat at home, and generally we prefer light sweets.

At a women's college the caterers found that, even in winter, stewed fruit, fruit tarts, jellies, and similar dishes were more popular than steamed puddings of the suet variety. Steamed and baked sponge puddings, rice, and tapioca were moderately popular. Puddings of the bread variety nearly always "hung fire."

Tastes Agree

Here it seems the tastes of the sexes for once agree. At one of the men's colleges at an English University recently a one-night strike was held as a gesture of protest against the too-frequent appearance of queen's puddings, sometimes called "queen of puddings." Among puddings of its kind it surely deserves the title, if only on account of its puffy, gold-brown-and-white "roof." But it appeals more to the eye, it seems, than to the modern palate. W. B.

Try a new STUFFING for the TURKEY

ALTHOUGH sausage-meat stuffing is the most popular one for turkey, there are many other tasty stuffings which make a pleasant change and are neither difficult to prepare nor expensive.

Chestnut Stuffing

This is somewhat different—from the usual one. Chop and mince 1/2lb. of lean veal and 1/2lb. of lean pork, put in a saucepan and, over a slow fire, mix in a little white sauce, lightly in butter, with chopped mixed herbs, a pinch of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Blend with 1 or 2 whole eggs, mix thoroughly and remove small chopped cooked onion, 3 tea-spoons from the fire. Then add about 2 spoonfuls of parsley, and season dozen roasted chestnuts, peeled and with salt and pepper. Stir and skinned. A good sauce to serve with a turkey stuffed in this manner is

Chestnut Sauce

Put 1 1/2lb. of chestnuts in a saucepan, cover with cold water, and bring are not always obtainable, 1lb. of minutes, then break up the bread, put them in a saucepan and, over a slow fire, mix in a little white sauce, lightly in butter, with chopped mixed herbs, a pinch of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Blend with 1 or 2 whole eggs, mix thoroughly and remove small chopped cooked onion, 3 tea-spoons from the fire. Then add about 2 spoonfuls of parsley, and season dozen roasted chestnuts, peeled and with salt and pepper. Stir and skinned. A good sauce to serve with a turkey stuffed in this manner is

Chestnut-Bacon Stuffing

Cook 1lb. of peeled and skinned chestnuts, as indicated in recipe for chestnut sauce, rub them through a sieve, and mix with 1/2lb. of chopped pepper, and moistening with a wine-cooked bacon, 2oz. of breadcrumbs, a glassful of sherry.

little grated lemon rind, season with pepper, and bind with 1 or 2 eggs.

Bread Stuffing

Use 4 or 5 good handfuls of soft bread, or more, according to the size of the bird. Soak in milk for a few minutes, then break up the bread, put in a saucepan and, over a slow fire, mix in a little white sauce, lightly in butter, with chopped mixed herbs, a pinch of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Blend with 1 or 2 whole eggs, mix thoroughly and remove small chopped cooked onion, 3 tea-spoons from the fire. Then add about 2 spoonfuls of parsley, and season dozen roasted chestnuts, peeled and with salt and pepper. Stir and skinned. A good sauce to serve with a turkey stuffed in this manner is

Liver Stuffing

This is much better made with 1lb. of chicken livers, but, as these are not always obtainable, 1lb. of minutes, then break up the bread, put in a saucepan and, over a slow fire, mix in a little white sauce, lightly in butter, with chopped mixed herbs, a pinch of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Blend with 1 or 2 whole eggs, mix thoroughly and remove small chopped cooked onion, 3 tea-spoons from the fire. Then add about 2 spoonfuls of parsley, and season dozen roasted chestnuts, peeled and with salt and pepper. Stir and skinned. A good sauce to serve with a turkey stuffed in this manner is

Stuffing à l'Espagnole

Chop 6 or 8 pork sausages, 1/2lb. of prunes (previously soaked and stoned), the same quantity of dried apricots (also soaked), 6oz. of chopped nuts, 1lb. of chestnuts, 1/2lb. of lean ham, and cook all in a little chestnut sauce, rub them through a sieve, and mix with 1/2lb. of chopped pepper, and moistening with a wine-cooked bacon, 2oz. of breadcrumbs, a glassful of sherry.



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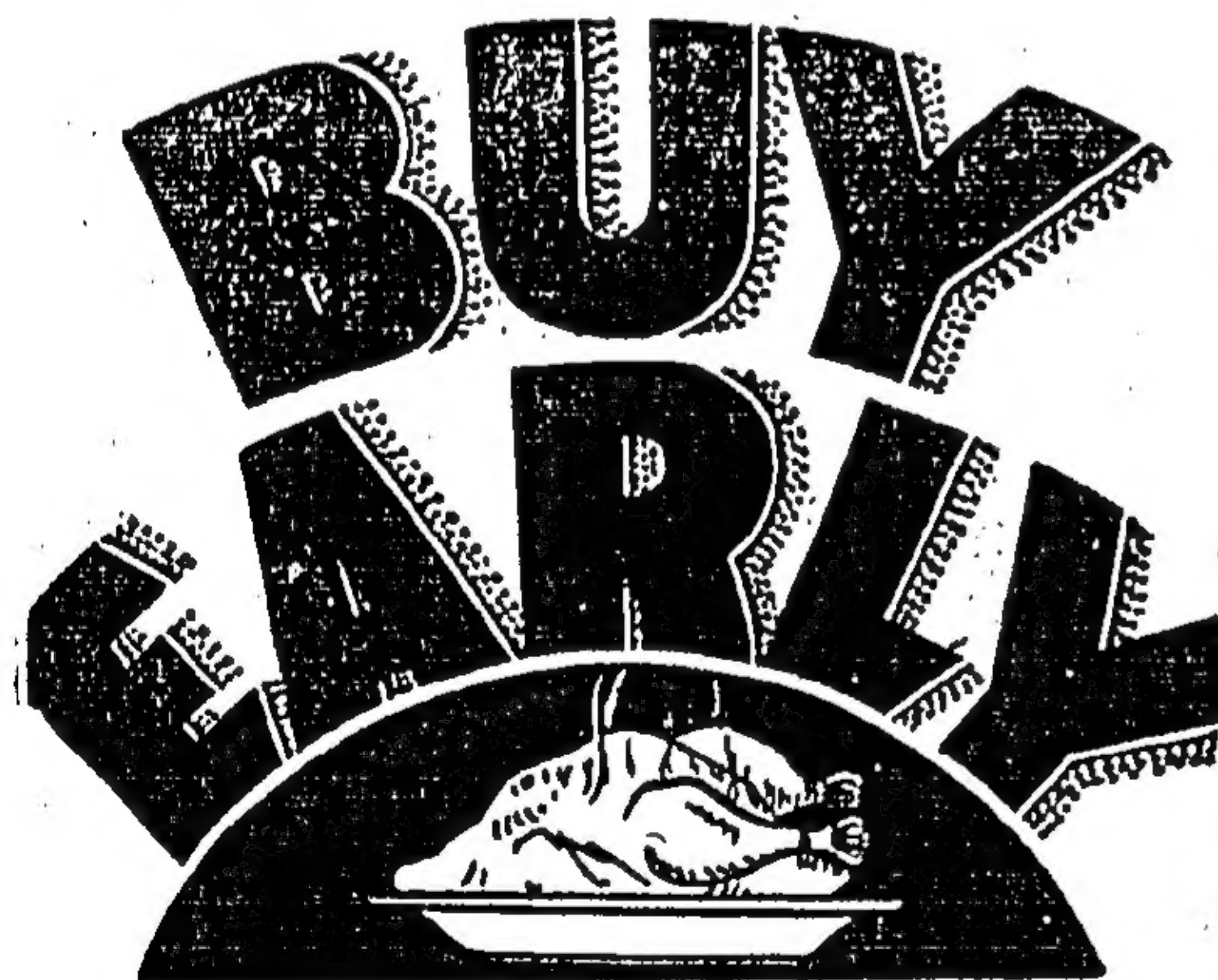
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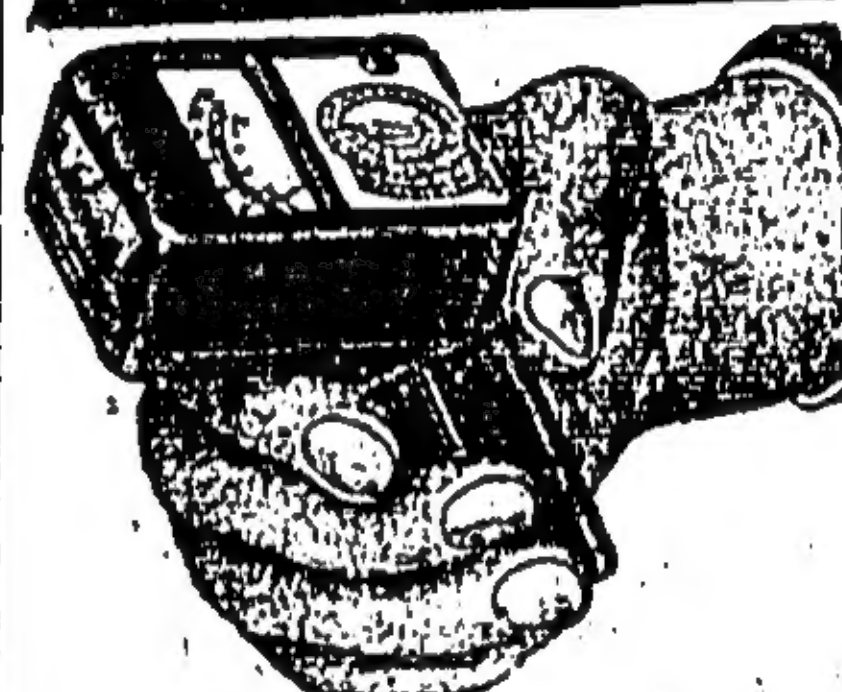
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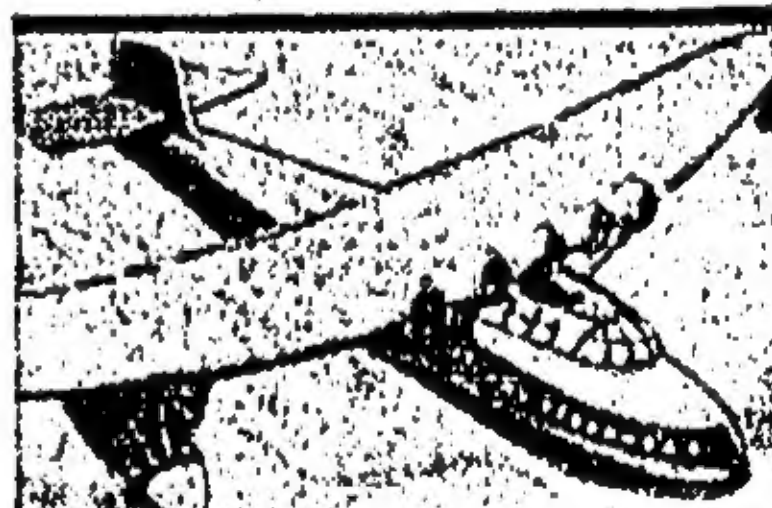
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SNOWSTORM HALTS WAR IN SPAIN

Europe's Winter Blast Rapidly Spreads

BURGOS, Dec. 20. GENERAL FRANCO'S headquarters reported to-day that all was quiet on the fronts. Violent snow storms with accompanying drifts had halted the thrust on the Catalonia front, where visibility was zero.

However, it was stated that the advance on all fronts would be resumed as soon as atmospheric conditions improved.

The Radio Nacional at Burgos to-day denounced mediation and truce rumours.

Loyalist circles announced to-day that a mine exploded in University City, destroying a network of insurgent machine-gun nests, and a system of trenches 100 metres long. The insurgent artillery retaliated by shelling Madrid, and a combat ensued for a short time.

Deserters again reported growing defeatism with the insurgent ranks. —United Press.

HOLLAND CRIPPLED

Amsterdam, Dec. 20. The extremely cold spell which has settled over Europe has badly crippled transportation throughout Holland, which depends to a great extent on her waterways.

The Zuiderzee is frozen over, and communication with the islands of Texel and Ameland is maintained only by aeroplane, since the ice is not yet strong enough for traffic. Canal and river shipping is also interrupted with the result that many towns which are dependent upon water transportation are practically isolated. —Trans-Ocean.

London, Dec. 20. In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the temporary relaxations made on restrictions of foreign lending had been withdrawn. —Reuter.

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Archbishop Hinsley's Plea For Jews

Nations Study Dr. Schacht's Plan

London, Dec. 20. The Archbishop of Westminster has urged that Roman Catholics in Britain should help the refugees. Archbishop Hinsley paid a tribute to the generosity of Jews who were doing everything they could to assist immigration of Jewish children, most of whom were Christians and predominantly Catholics. —Reuter Bulletin.

PLAN DISCUSSED

London, Dec. 20. Britain, France, the United States and the Netherlands, as members of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Committee, to-day considered Dr. Schacht's plan to evacuate Jews from Germany.

The Argentine and Brazil representatives did not attend, but they agreed to be kept informed.

The position following Dr. Schacht's visit was examined. "Reuter" learns that it was felt that, however unpromising were certain aspects of the German proposals, nothing should be done to prejudice continuation of the negotiations.

The German Government is apparently prepared for further discussions, and the Director of the Committee, after getting in touch with the 32 Evian Powers, may visit Germany in January, but the viewpoint of some quarters is that there must be a modification of the plan before the conversations can be continued. —Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Star Ferry Suicide

A Chinese woman passenger on the 1.50 p.m. Star Ferry jumped into the harbour as the vessel was crossing the harbour this afternoon.

Two Chinese sailors jumped in to rescue the woman.

Although they succeeded in dragging her out of the water their rescue efforts were in vain. The woman died as she was on her way

Car Joy-Riders In Colony Active

Car joy-riders are again active in the Colony.

A car parked at Statue Square this morning by Mr. G. S. Thomson, of the Hongkong Electric Company, disappeared shortly before noon.

The loss has been reported to the police, who are now searching for the car and the driver who took it without permission.

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British Interests In China Worth Salvaging

LONDON, Dec. 21. PUBLIC ATTENTION has been so closely concentrated during the last year on the events in Europe that it is doubtful whether the effect on British interests in China of the Japanese attack against China has been sufficiently realised, declares Mr. J. W. Nicholson, Chairman of the China section of the London Chamber of Commerce in a letter to the "Times" to-day.

After stating that nearly half the goods leaving and entering China are carried by British ships, as well as 45 per cent. of the China coastal and river trade, and that £300,000,000 of British capital is invested in China, Mr. Nicholson adds that British interests in China are worthy of a great deal more public attention than they have yet received.

Expected by a neutral during hostilities. It is the conviction of those engaged in the China trade that the ultimate Japanese aim is to eliminate all western influence and enterprise in the Far East.

Detailing instances of Japanese interference with British interests, Mr. Nicholson concludes that protests alone are unavailing unless Britain and the other Powers are prepared to see China become a closed market. He says that the time has come when a more vigorous policy should be pursued. —Reuter.

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